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MEETING OF GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for Annual Session in the Madison Avenue Church, Baltimore, Maryland, on Wednesday, November 5th, 1884. The record of reports received, and appropriations made, is briefly told in the following pages. The increase of collections during a time of financial pressure, the growth in membership and appliances for work, the large number of Missionaries sent out, gave evidence of vigorous life in the Society, as shown by abundant activity, while the advance in all foreign fields opens wide the door of opportunity, and gives a vast field for the exercise of faith and works. Corea was added to the list of mission fields, and a representative appointed to accompany the first Missionaries of the Parent Board to that country. New ground was also occupied in Wuhu, Central China.

The cordial greetings and generous hospitality received, the spirit of love and harmony that characterized all the meetings, the sweet communion of prayer and praise, cannot be written, but will long be cherished in the memories of all who were present.



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

A most memorable year has just closed. Said a heathen woman recently, "Give us of your light, give us of your hope, give us of your Christ, you women so favored, so encumbered with privilege." If ever a cry "Come over and help us" rang pitifully across the sea, it has come to us this past year from these prison chambers where our sisters of the East sit, burdened and weary-hearted.

In the efforts made this past year to respond to this cry as a Society, "Our eyes have seen and our ears heard" God's promises tested in various ways, both in the Home and in the Foreign field. The Omnipotent One has fed every stream, has accepted every gift, has fired many altars, has "bound with cords every sacrifice," and has opened a path through every sea of difficulty. More money has come into the treasury, more auxiliary societies have been formed, more members have been added, more young people interested, more literature disseminated, and more Missionaries sent out than in any previous year. We acknowledge this leading with the most profound gratitude.

This fifteenth anniversary is an epoch in our history. We record the story of an unfinished journey. The first annual report in 1869 occupied only a page or two in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. The story of the first year's work could be told in a few minutes, but in the fifteen years the work for heathen women and children has grown to such dimensions, and sent out its branches in so many directions, that an annual report of a hundred pages does not tell the story. The very success implies fresh inspiration, deeper obliga-

tion. In these years we have had to learn many lessons and varied methods. God did not discover to us this work all at once, because we were not ready. We needed to be strengthened, broadened, and trained for its development. The financial record of the fifteen years is so remarkable that we cannot pass it over without special notice. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church were asked prayerfully to give two cents a week, and in the first year \$4,546.86 came into the treasury, and the sum contributed in the fifteen years amounts to *one million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, six hundred and eighteen dollars and four cents.*

HOME WORK.

The Home work is represented by the following statistics: Auxiliary societies, 3,664, an increase of 281; annual members, 97,802, an increase of 8,180.

The financial record of the year shows an increase of \$16,375.81 over the previous year. The amounts contributed by branches are as follows:

New England.....	\$17,261 86
New York.....	25,292 88
Philadelphia	16,875 53
Baltimore.....	7,674 98
Cincinnati	21,138 74
Minneapolis	3,811 85
Topeka	5,747 36
Des Moines.....	9,564 03
North Western.....	35,831 91
Total.....	<u>\$143,199 14</u>

This goal has been reached in the face of unusual difficulties. In some sections floods and drouths, in others, strikes and hard times, and the crippled energies of many have retarded the work. No wonder, as the aggregate was read, that full hearts broke forth in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

DIVISION OF BRANCHES.

As the Western Branch of the Society had grown to unwieldy proportions, and other States were asking to be embraced in it, it was considered necessary for the better development of the work to divide the Branch as follows:

1st. Iowa and Missouri, with headquarters at Des Moines, to be known as the Des Moines Branch.

2d. Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, with headquarters at Topeka, to be known as Topeka Branch.

3d. The States of Minnesota and Dakota, with headquarters at Minneapolis, to be known as the Minneapolis Branch. These Branches have all been formally organized, and their Corresponding Secretaries report the division working in every way satisfactory.

DEATHS.

We are compelled to record the death of one of our Medical Missionaries, Miss Ella Gilchrist, M. D. She went to Central China, where she commenced work full of hope and enthusiasm, but she was permitted to labor only a little while. Broken down after a few months, she returned to this country and settled in Denver, Colorado, and after two years of suffering passed to her reward, carrying to her latest breath an interest for the women of China.

MOVEMENTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Since the organization of the Society, eighty-eight Missionaries have been sent out to foreign fields. Twenty of these have gone out this past year.

To China—Miss Hoag, M. D., Miss Corey, M. D., Misses Robinson, Fisher, and Jewell.

To West China—Miss Gertrude Howe.

To Japan—Misses Hewitt, Everding, and Hamisfar, M. D.

To India—Misses Harvey, Mansell, Reed, Downey, English, and Christianity, M. D.

To South India—Misses Hedrick and DeLine.

To Mexico—Misses Le Huray, Loyd, and Latimer.

To Bulgaria—Miss Schenck.

Miss Spencer, who has been spending a year at home, returned to Tokio, Japan.

The Misses Woolston, who have been in China for a number of years, have resigned and returned home. A lady is accepted and under appointment for Italy.

Miss Holbrook, of Japan, Miss Cushman, of China, and Miss Warner, of Mexico, are in this country on health leave.

ACTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

A resume of the work of the Society for four years past was presented to the General Conference at its recent session in Philadelphia.

The report and the relations of the Society received the most careful and thoughtful consideration. There was some anxiety felt on the part of the officers of the Society in regard to the action of the Conference, some fearing that liberty of action might be infringed upon, but the Lord was "better to them than all their fears." The Society received the heartiest endorsement, and greater liberty was given for extending their work, and there are no longer any doubts about the position of the Society, as it is recognized as one of the regular benevolent organizations of the Church.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

From every Branch comes the news of increased devotion on the part of the young womanhood of the Church. This has been manifest in the organization of Young Ladies' Societies and Mission Bands. In college and seminary, talents, gifts, zeal and lives have been laid upon the altar, and the sweet incense of these offerings has gone up to Heaven.

One notable instance has occurred, wherein the young people have contributed one-fourth of the whole amount of money raised by the Branch. In another case, every young lady belonging to the Society was converted and brought into the Church.

In this connection we may note the fact that a young Chinese girl has been brought to this country for medical education. She arrived in May, and is now pursuing her studies in the Ohio Wesleyan University.

HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND AND GENERAL LITERATURE.

If the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society could formulate a creed, it would probably begin, "I believe in the dissemination of missionary intelligence." This is the ground of all intelligent work. The Heathen Woman's Friend, the organ of the Society, has long since become a necessity; it goes into the homes fresh with intelligence from every field, a connecting link between the home in the Christian land and the heathen land. It not only gives this information, but because of the revenue received, not only meets all its own expenses, but aids in the publication of other literature, such as the printing of annual reports, leaflets and considerable miscellaneous literature. It now has 20,645 subscribers, an increase of 1,074 over last year.

CHRISTIAN ILLUSTRATED PAPER.

Possibly, the most important part of the work of the year, the part most far-reaching in its influences, has been the establishment of a Christian Illustrated Paper for the Women of India. The funds of the Heathen Woman's Friend made this possible this year. This is the first paper of its kind published in India, and is intended to go into the homes, and reach by its silent influence, hearts that cannot be reached by the living voice. It is issued monthly from the Mission press in the city of Lucknow. It is an evidence that the ladies had planned to meet a recognized necessity, and that not prematurely, that a few weeks after this paper was started the Mohammedans of the city of Lucknow issued a prospectus of a periodical for women, to be issued by the Mohammedan press.

In view of the systematic and gratuitous propagation of infidel literature from England and America to all our Mission fields, and to our schools, it seemed that the Providences indicated that this was *the* time and *the* opportunity for this movement to supply the women with a paper, which, as they become educated, shall go into their homes, and be explicit in its declarations

of Christian truth, and the solid basis on which Christianity rests. An effort has been made to secure an endowment for this paper of \$25,000, and of this amount nearly \$13,000 have been contributed this year, and this above and beyond all other Missionary moneys.

LEAFLETS.

During the past year over one million six hundred thousand pages of Missionary Leaflets have been issued, being double the number of pages ever published in any one year of the Society's history, yet the demand has not been met, and seems to increase in greater ratio than even this advance in the supply.

FOREIGN WORK.

The Society has work in Japan, China, India, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico.

Missionaries now in the field, 57; assistants, 32; Bible women and medical women, 163; in orphanages, 395; scholarships, 479; day schools, 210; zenanas visited, 1972; women under instruction, 4169. Yet the work cannot be summarized nor characterized in a brief report. It ramifies into all lands, and is allied with all great movements, social and religious. Just now the Franco-Chinese war has temporarily embarrassed our work in East China, and our ladies have, together with the wives of the Missionaries of the parent board, removed from Foochow to Shanghai. In Japan every part of the work has been greatly successful. North and South India have been strongly re-enforced. The orphanage at Bareilly, with its 300 orphans, has experienced gracious revival influences, commencing with special blessing upon a blind girl, who zealously influenced others. The lands of the dead churches—Mexico, Italy and Bulgaria—still invite and encourage our efforts for the enlightening of women, and the uplifting of the family. We have just sent our first representative within the territory of the Greek Church—Miss Schenck having recently started for Bulgaria to take charge of the school in Loftcha, and our first lady Missionary is under appointment to the land of the Roman hierarchy. Thirteen Bible women are at work in Italy.

We close the fifteen years with gratitude, and begin the next with hope, and this hope for the future is

"Built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness,"

With our hope thus founded, with womanly and Christian devotion, we go forth to possess the land. We do not look for openings—they are everywhere.

When the Duke of Wellington once gave an order to an officer to take a certain stronghold, the officer objected, and said, "It cannot be done." The Duke quietly took from his pocket a book and looked at it, when he replied, "It can be done, for it is on my order book." The strongholds of heathendom, the homes, can be taken, for the order is in the Book.

During the year, a young lady died in Northern India, far up on the borders of Thibet. She was the daughter of an English General, cultivated and devoted. With a beautiful enthusiasm she gave her life for the women of India. Only a little while she labored, when disease developed. The physician ordered her to the hills, but she never reached her destination. Stopping at a rest house, in a desolate region, far away from loved ones, she passed away. Her last words were not of friends, nor home, but calling a Missionary friend, who was with her, to the bedside, she put her arms around her neck, kissed her, and said so tenderly, "The women, the women, the women of India."

Over mountain and valley, hill and dale, and weary waste of waters, comes this touching refrain to us. We pass it on to you, the officers of this Society, and through you to all the Societies you represent, to carry in heart and thought and prayer "The women, the women of heathendom." So that the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church may

"Enlarge their gifts,
Their love expand,
And make this earth
Immanuel's land."

Mrs. J. T. GRACEY,
Secretary of General Executive Committee.

REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Yokohama, Japan; North China and South America	MRS. ALDERMAN.
Rohilkund District, India; Italy, Central China, and Corea.	MRS. SKIDMORE.
Mexico, and Tokio, Japan	MRS. KEEN.
Foochow, China, and West China	MISS HART.
Oudh District, India, and Nagasaki, Japan	MRS. COWEN.
Kumaon District, India, Bulgaria, and Bombay	MRS. HILL.
South India	MRS. NIND.
Hakodati, Japan	MRS. SHATTUCK.

INDIA.

In addition to the twenty-three representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India, and the wives of Missionaries having charge of work supported by the Society, the following are employed as assistants, ze-nana and boarding school teachers, medical assistants and school inspectresses:

Miss Cumberland.....Paori.	Miss Singh .....Lucknow.
Mrs. Whitby "	" French "
" Moore Naini Tal.	" D'Abru..... "
" K. Hunter..... " "	Mrs. Jarbo "
" Wm. King..... " "	" Chuckerbutty . "
" J. Robinson " "	Miss Connelly "
" R. Gowan..... " "	" Crawshaw "
Miss Alice D'Abru.....Bijnour.	" Cumberland... "
" M. Seymour.....Moradabad.	" Mutlow..... "
" Maria Seymour... "	" Mispelaur ... Cawnpore.
Mrs. Smith "	" Beck "
Miss Waddingham Bareilly.	" McKenzie "
" Thompson "	" Honeybone ... "
" E. Thompson..... "	" De Souza..... "
" Durand "	" Croft "
" Parnell..... "	Mrs. Grant Roi Bareilly.
Mrs. M. Turner..... "	" Fleming Shahjehanpore.
Miss Geddens "	" Butterfield Budaon.
" Heming Lucknow.	

MATRONS.

Cawnpore—Mrs. Jackson; *Budaon*—Mrs. Butterfield; *Bijnour*—Mrs. Rogers; *Paori*—Mary W. Greenwald; *Moradabad*—Mrs. Alexander; *Lucknow School*—Mrs. Smith; *Lucknow Home*—Mrs. Crawshaw; *Bareilly*—Miss O'Calleghe; *Naini Tal*—Mrs. Beaumont.

ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNIE SPARKES,	MISS C. A. SWAIN, M. D.,
MISS HATTIE KERR,	MISS LUELLA KELLEY,
MISS ESTHER DE VINE.	

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. M. E. GILL,	MRS. S. W. BARE.
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To write a report of Rohilkund District would be to write about the most familiar work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India. Though the details are full of interest, we cannot give them here—can only present a summary of the work.

Beginning with *Moradabad*, one of the most important stations in the district, we find the woman's work in charge of Miss E. De Vine, who already fills a large place in the hearts of the workers in India. She has three assistants. First in importance is the Christian Girls' Boarding School. Of the 115 pupils, 103 are boarders. This school is for the children of native Christians, and is intended to impart a good vernacular education, though a few girls

are taught English. Six were married during the year, and two died. No special religious feeling is reported, though there was evident growth in religious life. The main object is to fit these girls to be the wives of native preachers and catechists, to be Bible women, zenana visitors, or school teachers, and take the places now filled by non-Christian teachers in all our schools. The school building is very inferior, and much too contracted. All reports from India urge the necessity of new buildings to accommodate this important school, and, in all probability, it will be accomplished in the coming year. The zenana work is under charge of Miss Maggie Seymour and Mrs. Smith. Ninety zenanas are visited weekly, and seventy-two women are regularly instructed in religious things. There are 318 pupils in the city schools. Eleven Bible women and twenty one teachers are employed. The mohulla work among Chamars and sweepers has been carried on successfully. A wide and effectual door seems to have been opened among this caste that promises great results in the near future. The medical work has been under charge of Jane Plummer, with a native assistant. The dispensary work has been very large. The number of patients in zenanas received in hospital, 6; treated in dispensary, 8,581; prescriptions given, 9,086. This work greatly needs the oversight a medical lady can give, and which will be supplied the coming year by Dr. Christianity.

This district comprises several large circuits, with stations of great importance to the work. In *Bissauli* Mrs. Datt has a school, also the care of 200 Christian women, who need much teaching. In *Mundi* there are sixty Christian women under instruction. Two Bible women spend their time teaching and preaching. The great effort is to stamp on the memory the elements of Christian truth. Here, as elsewhere, the Chamar women are found to be teachable, and open to instruction. They sing our hymns and listen attentively. Seven candidates have been presented for baptism during the year. On *Bilsi* Circuit an excellent work is going on. At all hours these poor, despised women come to the native preacher's wife to learn the story of Jesus' love. Mr. Hoskins reports that at *Ghota* a Bible woman gives her whole time to the ministry of the Word. Out of the large congregation of women instructed by her, eight have been baptized. Here the Gospel light is reaching many a weary soul kept from the knowledge of the outer world by the restrictions of zenana life. *Sahaswan* is a large city, composed of twelve towns. The woman's work here is extending to all classes, and has already made a perceptible change in many homes.

The *Bareilly* Orphanage has passed a prosperous year. The health of the girls has been good, and the progress made in study commendable; 270 are now cared for there. Miss Sparkes says that during the whole year it has not been an unusual thing for girls to make a start in religious life during the regular prayer or class meetings. Twenty-five united with the church on probation, and 46 were taken into full membership. Eleven married are witnessing for Christ in their village homes. Four died in the assurance of faith. Miss

Sparkes testifies to the faithfulness of the assistants. Later reports tell of a gracious revival in the orphanage, which commenced through the baptism of the spirit upon a blind girl, during a Sabbath morning's service. She told Miss Sparkes that the Lord had wonderfully blessed her, and asked what work she thought the Lord was preparing her for. Miss Sparkes suggested that perhaps it was to work among the girls around her. At once she began, telling the story of what God had done for her, and asking them to meet with her in prayer meetings. Soon numbers were under deep conviction, and the native pastor, Mr. Fieldbrave, was invited to hold a series of meetings. Many professing Christ were strengthened, and many more converted. At any hour of the day there could be heard from the various rooms the voice of prayer and singing. Year by year these girls go out of the Orphanage, some to join the angels' song, some to make Christian homes and engage in the Master's work. Miss Sparkes finds, in looking over the records for the past nine years, that out of 125 girls who have married and left the Orphanage, 101 have been engaged in Mission work as Bible readers or teachers. To Him whose is the power be all the glory. There are nine city schools, seven Hindoo and two Moham-medan. The zenana work is in charge of Miss Kelley. All the work of former years has been kept up, and additional houses opened to instruction. In the mohullas or wards among the poor the work has been very successful. The Sunday-school work in this field has also been full of hope for future success. The medical work continues under Miss Swain, and as her health has improved her work increases in interest, and many are drawn to the Great Healer through the ministry of His servant. Patients treated, 7,170; prescriptions given, 15,820. Hospital patients, 76; visits to out-patients, 352.

Khera Bajhera has two schools, and work among the women. *Fathagunge* has two schools, with 140 scholars. Twenty women and nine girls have become Christians this year; forty zenanas are regularly visited. The *Budaon* B. school has fifty-five scholars. The school inspector pronounces this a good school. Mrs. Butterfield carries on the zenana work, and has access to all classes. We are glad that reinforcements have been sent, and some one can be spared for this most important work, which has sadly missed the care of Mrs. Hoskins. Budaon is being permeated with the leaven of Christian truth.

Shahjehanpore work has been interrupted by the small pox. Four hundred girls receive secular and religious instructions in the twelve day schools. The number of zenanas visited has greatly increased, and the women are only too glad to listen to religious teachings. Four Bible women are regularly employed under the charge of Mrs. Fleming, zenana visitor. The Sunday school is especially promising. In *Panahpore*, zenana, Sunday school and day school work prospers. In *Tilthur* there are two day schools, each with a Sunday school of double the number of week-day attendants. The Bible reader says "the blessing of God rests more and more on the zenana work."

In *Pawagan*, schools and Bible women are represented as doing faithful work in raising the standard of Christ. No obstacles are offered, but all re-

ceive the word gladly. The *Bijnour* boarding school has been under the care of Miss Kerr, and numbers forty-nine pupils. The health of the school has been good. Besides four and a half hours of school work, the girls have done the grinding, cooking, spinning, and some weaving. The prayer meetings and Sunday schools have been blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Several of the girls gave evidence of change of heart. The city schools are well attended. On every side there are calls for work, which cannot be met, for lack of workers. There are many other villages in this circuit in which schools have been opened by native Christian women, and which sadly need the supervision of one of our Missionaries. Our hearts rejoice in the fact that so many new workers have gone to help gather in these sheaves. It seems almost incredible that, in such a short time, the work in this one district has grown to such proportions that it cannot be compressed in one short report. Surely, the little leaven which has been hidden by a woman's hand is gradually permeating the whole lump, and we rejoice to declare the work divine.

SUMMARY.

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Assistants.....	17
Bible women.....	60
Girls in orphanage.....	270
Boarding schools.....	3
Pupils in boarding schools.....	219
City and village schools.....	94
Girls in village schools.....	1,565
Zenanas visited.....	1,012
Families reached through zenanas.....	1,298
Women under instruction.....	2,538
Prescriptions given.....	24,466
Patients in zenanas.....	405
" " hospital.....	78
" " dispensary.....	15,681

OUDH DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS I. THORBURN,

MISS S. A. EASTON,

" L. E. BLACKMAR,

" E. L. HARVEY.

MISS LAURA HYDE, M. D.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. S. KNOWLES,

MRS. N. I. LAWSON.

Eight stations, or centers of work, from which radiate systematic efforts to reach the outlying districts, are comprised in this province. Taking them in order, we come first to *Lucknow*, where the woman's work is in four divis-

ions—boarding school, day schools, zenana work and “Home for Friendless Women.” The Girls’ Boarding School has passed another prosperous year. Number of pupils, 134. The year has been a healthy one, and the progress of the girls in scholarship satisfactory. The additional rooms appropriated for last year are about completed, and will be filled at once with self-supporting scholars. The Inspector of Schools for Oudh says of this school: “It is beyond all comparison the best native girls’ school in Oudh, and I suspect there are few equal to it in Upper India.” Of the two girls in this school who will present themselves for the Calcutta Entrance Examination, the Superintendent says: “The first was for some time one of our most unpromising pupils. She was untruthful, quarrelsome, and untidy. When she was converted it changed her whole being. Last year, when she went home, her father told her he had selected a husband for her, and presented the youth for her approval. She replied that she was not through with her education, and did not want to marry. Her father told her she could do as she chose about that, but he would spend no more money on her education. She plead earnestly, asking to go with the poorest class and receive bare necessities, but in vain. At last an aunt promised the money, and she came back joyfully, though she had not the easy place she once enjoyed, where money was furnished for many little comforts. In a few months her aunt lost her property. I then told her to stay on, and I would get a scholarship for her, or let her teach and pay for it. So she remained, but was not happy to feel she was incurring debt. So one day she brought me a pair of bracelets that a relative had given her, that were valued at 100 rupees, and asked if she could sell them, and so pay her way. This may not seem much to you, but when a Hindoo girl is willing to sell her jewelry to get an education, we feel that the world does move. You will yet hear of Edith Raphael. The other girl is an heiress. Her grandfather is a heathen, but he does not oppose her or her mother in their Christian belief. She could readily be spoiled were she that kind of a girl, but happily she is not. She plays the organ in our native Church, and is a most enthusiastic teacher in our city Sunday schools, is promising in every way, and will yet write at least B. A. after her name. Two girls from this school have left for work in the zenanas in the last few months.

The day schools, 11 in number, have been systematically cared for; Miss D’Abru, inspectress. The highest enrollment is 278. The Sunday schools in connection with each are taught by Christian ladies, assisted by pupils from the boarding school. At the close of each quarter more than two-thirds of the girls have been prepared for review. The *zenana work* under Miss Blackmar’s care has been vigorously prosecuted. Of the 650 women who regularly listen to the reading and singing, 175 are learning to read, and some also learn needle-work. In addition there is village and mohulla work that is very interesting. One poor blind girl, when told she would hear God’s word regularly, replied: “It is not true; you do not care for poor people, or you would not have neglected us so long.” Now, one day each week she is as happy as

a poor blind girl can be, while we read, sing and talk of the Light of the World, and pray for His help. The women often ask the Bible women to pray with them, and the work of the Holy Spirit is manifest in the fact that some are beginning to be convinced of sin. Three assistants and eight Bible women are constantly employed. The Bible women have diligently studied this year, and all passed to higher grades. The Home for Homeless Women has prospered encouragingly, showing that its establishment has met a want in prosecuting work among the daughters of India. Some of the women taught and cared for here have already found work, so that lives of usefulness have opened for them. Some have gone rejoicing home to heaven. Miss Blackmar says: "There has been marked improvement in the religious life of the women. There is more kindness to each other, and many victories over besetting sins. The constant effort is to develop self support, and in many ways it is carried out." Eighteen women have been cared for during the year—sixteen natives, one Eurasian, and one English.

The last conference year in *Cawnpore* opened under very promising conditions. A year of health and prosperity had been given the boarding and day schools. Miss Hyde, M. D., was appointed to oversee the city work, and Miss Mispelaur was continued in charge of zenana work, and strong hopes were felt that at last this, the largest city in the province, would have work commensurate with its importance. But the faith of those who carried the heavy burdens has been severely tested. Miss Hyde was taken sick with typhoid fever, and, as soon as able, had to be removed to the hills. The eight day schools have been kept up, and, in connection with these, Sunday schools are carried on. Mohulla work is kept up at three places, which is very promising. The bathing ghat, also, was regularly visited. Four Bible women were employed, under Miss Mispelaur's direction, and the work so divided as to visit each house on the list twice a week. In the Girls' High School the year has been one of sore trial. Measles broke out in the school, in some cases complicated with lung fever. In May and June the school was half hospital. Then the music teacher was seriously ill, of fever. Other cases of severe typhoid followed, and painful anxiety and watching were added to pressing school duties.

Miss Harvey reached India in the hottest weather, and at once went to Miss Easton's relief, proving most invaluable in service and patient in endurance. Miss Easton says: "What a tower of strength she has been, so much of balm has fallen upon us, and the other fact that the mental, moral, and spiritual growth of our girls shows no abatement; still the best things remain—confidence and harmony among ourselves and trust in God. Gratitude, too, that through most severe sickness He has spared us all. Shall I write failure against this year? I think not, but trials, difficulties, mercies, it may be blessings in disguise, have been our portion, and we leave it all with Him whose work we have tried to do."

Seetapore Circuit includes Lakimpore, Khairabad, Misrikh, and Seetapore, and the cold season is spent in itinerating among the villages and country

places attending the misrik mela, and sowing seed by all waters. Mrs. Lawson has charge of this work, and reports it as in a growing condition, one of great promise for early enlargement in all directions. Seven Bible women, one a medical worker, are regularly employed, and seven day schools, with corresponding Sunday schools, carry Gospel lessons to many homes, through the girls taught in them. The boarding school is proving a great success. It has twenty-six pupils, and also a Bible woman's class, for instruction in zenana work. Mrs. Lawson hopes to secure two new workers this year from this school, for the woman's work, and in the future it will be the source of supply; so its importance cannot be over-estimated.

Gondah and its three out-stations—Ellenpur, Nawabgunge and Colonelgunge—form, perhaps, the most promising field for speedy results in Oudh. Mrs. Knowles says of it: "God's Word has not returned unto Him void. Many hearts have been raised to Him in more intelligent devotion, while many others have been translated out of sin and darkness into light and the kingdom of God's dear Son. Sabbath schools have been full to overflowing. Day schools, owing to the short time the girls are kept in them, have not been much in an educational point of view, but the knowledge of Christ learned in them will be carried back to many zenana homes. The zenana work, under five Bible women, has been faithfully done; and the women listen willingly, many of them eagerly. If we had authority to baptize, many of these would, in the privacy of their homes, have been brought into the Church of Christ. There is no doubt in my mind but that the kingdom of our God has been established in many of the zenana homes during the past year, and the name of Christ is becoming a real power." So white are the fields in this district, that, at the last meeting of the finance committee, serious discussion was given to the advisability of sending female evangelists to help gather in the harvest of souls.

In *Roi Bareilly* Mrs. Grant is still the efficient superintendent of woman's work. Six Bible women visit 160 homes, besides those in out-stations visited weekly by Mrs. Grant. There are four day schools, five Sunday schools for girls and seven for women. This year the scholars in two schools subscribed about a pice each for the "Home for the Homeless." About seventy joined in this. It was pleasing to see them dropping in their pice, with smiling, happy faces. One said: "I am poor; I can only give this, but I do it in God's name." The story of the widow's mite was in many cases exemplified. A new Sunday school was opened in the summer. Its peculiarity is that its pupils are mostly old. Some of the oldest inhabitants of Roi Bareilly are gathered here. Blind, deaf, bent, weak forms come tottering into the yard of a hired house. A Mohammedan rented this house, though he knew it was for Christian worship, and most of the women are Mohammedans. In an adjoining mosque the men meet for their worship, while the women gather for quite a different service. Regular Missionary meetings were kept up during the year.

In *Barabanki* three day schools and three Sunday schools are well at-

tended by girls and women. Missionary meetings have been kept up among the women, and the money collected used in Sunday-school work. About sixty-seven houses are regularly visited by the Bible women. The native pastor's wife, Mrs. E. M. Paul, went to her heavenly home in great triumph, testifying, with her latest breath, of God's goodness and mercy.

At *Hurdui*, under Mrs. Joel, the native pastor's wife, one Bible woman and three Christian school teachers are regularly employed.

In *Bareich* 150 houses are visited, and the Bible women are always made welcome. One day a dying woman sent for the Bible reader and said: "The Teacher you follow has been my Teacher, and I believe in Him. Let the truth you have taught me be taught to the children I leave." There are two day schools and four Sunday schools. The Sunday-school work, in its wonderful growth and development, is one of the most hopeful factors in reaching the women of Oudh. There are fifty-two Sunday schools in this province, and more largely attended than the day schools. Women of all ages gladly attend each Sunday.

STATISTICS FOR OUDH DISTRICT.

Missionaries	5
Married ladies in charge of work.....	2
Teachers in English school.....	6
Assistants.....	8
Bible women.....	39
Medical Bible women.....	1
Christian school teachers.....	25
Non-Christian school teachers.....	17
Boarding Schools.....	3
Pupils in same.....	240
Day schools.....	41
Day school pupils.....	700
Zenanas visited.....	932
Women under instruction	1,621
Home for Homeless Women	1
Inmates during year	27
Sunday schools	52

KUMAON DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS FLORENCE NICKERSON, MISS PHÆBE ROWE, MISS E. L. KNOWLES.

In charge of work—MRS. REV. P. M. BUCK.

Naini Tal.—The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Naini Tal for 1883 has been mostly carried on in the old or upper bazar. A house was rented there, and occupied by John Barker and family. John and

his wife, Ramotia, are both physicians, but as he was the only native preacher this year, she has performed the most of the medical work. She has treated two hundred and twenty-four patients. Ramotia is very discreet, successfully avoiding difficulties incident to the jealousy of the heathen medical pretenders. She has also rendered very faithful and effectual service in the zenana work.

The zenana work, which was efficiently carried on in the early part of the year by Mrs. Rebecca Gowan, is now performed by two native assistants. From twenty-eight to thirty families are regularly visited, some of them the leading families of Naini Tal. Several of the zenana ladies read nicely in Hindu and Urdu. Fancy work is taught, and the Bible and Christian books read and explained, hymns sung, and in some cases prayer offered. Many of the women have manifested interest in the doctrine of Christianity.

The Girls' High School, of which Miss Knowles is the very efficient superintendent, reports a good measure of success. The average attendance has been twenty-five, fifteen of whom were regular boarders. The hill people are largely roving and unsettled, and if their children are to have permanent habits of character or study, they must be placed in well-regulated Christian households, free from outside influences. In the fifteen so placed in this boarding school, there has been a marked improvement. The school is divided into three grades—upper, middle and primary—and the leading thought constantly presented to the pupils is the importance of Christian work among the heathen. This being an English-speaking school, is sometimes one of the most difficult of lessons, inasmuch as many who are born and brought up in India regard the natives with little or no interest. The girls early in the year organized a "Band of Helpers," and gave pice each week from their own allowance of spending money. Day scholars became interested, and invited their parents to the meetings. The influence extended, the collections increased to an average of twelve rupees a month for Christian work. Two objects were aided by their funds and their earnest prayers, namely: Two boys in a native school at Naini Tal, and a woman in Miss Blackmar's home in Lucknow.

The school has had a long, hard struggle for life; it has had no certain dwelling place, and very inferior accommodations. Rev. J. Baume writes: "How the heroic Miss Knowles has kept up heart in the work is a marvel; had she been other than a woman devoted to her work for Christ's sake, she could not have borne it; now, thank God, the darkness is past." A magnificent property as to site and location has been secured, and by the grace of God and the will of the ladies the Girls' School shall have both a local habitation and a name. A request has been made that the building shall be named "Slater Hall," in consideration of the bequest of a devoted sister, Mrs. Slater, of Grand Rapids, Mich. All of the Missionaries, both of the General and our own Society, are enthusiastic over the purchase of this property, regarding it not only as an excellent and judicious investment, but an economic measure as well—the founding of an educational institution for girls in India, whose influence shall abide as long as its majestic mountains stand. Miss Knowles will

greatly need help for a poorer class of girls, modified scholarships. The brethren in the South India Conference, going out under the auspices of Bishop Taylor, receiving their only support from their work, are unable to send their children to school without help, and have appealed to her for assistance.

BHARBAR CIRCUIT.

The work in Haldwani, carried on by Fannie, the Bible reader, is very interesting. One family is mentioned where not only the women listen eagerly and believe, but the men are anxious inquirers after the truth. The girls' school has thirty attendants. The teachers are sent from the school at Naini Tal, and the pupils have made excellent progress. Several Bible readers are to have work there the coming year.

DWARAHAT.

The boarding school of eighteen girls, under the care of Mrs. Buck, has been ably managed. Six of the number that have come to them during the year are from heathen homes, not driven there by want, but given in answer to prayer. Ten girls have come from the neighboring villages. Several of the girls have become steadfast Christians, and have joined the working bands of Christian women and girls, who make weekly visitations in the surrounding villages, talking of and singing for Christ. Our medical Bible women, Emma and Keri, spend their time visiting in the homes, and talking to the busy women as they rest by the wayside.

PITHORAGARH.

With the combined agencies of boarding schools, day schools for women and girls, Bible women, and a "Home for Friendless Women," the Mission work has large proportions, and reports proportionate success. Upon the roll of the village school for women and girls we have thirty names. Miss Nickerson and Miss Phœbe Rowe have charge of the boarding school. The village women's class numbers forty eight and others have come in for three or four weeks at a time. Many of them show by their lives that they know and love the Savior. The average attendance at Sunday school is sixty-four. The Missionary Society, with its collection, is well sustained. During the early part of the year, Miss Rowe, with two of her older pupils, visited a fair quite a distance from home, in order to bring to some of the many thousands visiting it a knowledge of Christ. Attention and interest was manifested wherever they spread their tent and sang the songs of Zion, and many women listened eagerly. The husbands of these women, instead of refusing to allow their wives to listen, as they had done in previous years, not only drew near and paid respectful attention, but asked questions concerning the faith. Many who accepted tracts and listened to their words lived long distances away, and thus the knowledge of the Word was spread abroad.

Of late, nearly every Sunday evening, after the evening service, Miss Rowe, in company with one of the girls, has gone to one of the many temples near the house, and there conversed with the devotees. One of the keepers, an intelligent old woman of eighty years, who had traveled extensively, and visited almost all of the most famous shrines and sacred places in India, and spent all of her money therein, eagerly listened and anxiously said: "Where is God? I cannot find him anywhere."

As soon as the rains cease, Miss Rowe, accompanied by two or three of the girls, will visit the villages all about, often being absent a week or two at a time. Miss Nickerson and Miss Rowe are earnestly praying for a great revival among their girls, which will spread through all those mountain villages through the agency of the parents and friends who often come to visit them.

The Home for Homeless Women is a definite outgrowth of love to God and suffering humanity. It numbers seventeen inmates, six having been received during the year. These women have all sad histories, but seem to appreciate the Home with its comforts which has been provided for them. They are young, and some of them quite interesting. One is now a teacher in Miss Nickerson's school, and also serves as Bible woman. Another is a Brahmin girl of seventeen years, who has been a widow since she was nine years old. She seemed so young and childlike that she was persuaded to break caste and eat with the girls, and so was admitted to their school. She is in the school at Almorah, is deeply impressed with the truths of Christianity, and will soon be baptized. Seven have learned to read and write. Two of the five new houses for the women are occupied. One of the three girls whose coming was the means of commencing the work was married in June, to a young theological student, at Bareilly, and accompanied him there. She is a steadfast Christian, and it is desired that next year, when her husband has finished his course, that they return to work in Pithoragarh.

PAORI.

In December, 1883, Mrs. McMahon, who had had charge of the boarding school and orphanage, wrote: "I have only a few more days in Paori before leaving the work. Very little have I done personally, but have endeavored to plan it wisely. Mrs. Whitby's coming here has brought with it a blessing. She loves the poor and the lost, and tries to save them. She is a warm-hearted woman, a fervent, true-hearted Christian, and has the interests of this work in her heart. Miss Maud Cumberland, sister of Miss Cumberland, who has taught there for four years, has taken the place of assistant teacher. The work here is broad enough and interesting enough to engage the best and most active energies. If I had youth and vigor, how gladly would I spend it all here, but thirteen years here have made me feel worn and old, and I crave a fresher spirit to enter into my place. One great need here in Paori is a place and plan whereby the poor widows may have a chance to earn their bread. So far we meet individual cases as best we can, but this class are an anxiety,

and I hope in the near future some wise woman will come here to solve this problem."

After the return of Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Whitby, was placed in charge of the orphanage and boarding school. The roll has upon it forty-two names. Three girls were married during the year, but are useful in the work. The Sunday school is a very promising feature of the work; the infant class even learning the golden text and outlines of the lesson. Several of the girls are excellent Christians.

Mrs. Whitby took nine of the school girls to Dwarahat, in October, to attend the meeting of the District Conference. They walked there and back, a distance of eighty miles, and were much benefited spiritually. There are nine villages within a mile, which are visited from time to time, where hymns are sung and stories from the bible told to those who are so ignorant that they cannot understand the reading of God's word.

In each of the villages there is a Sunday school, with an attendance of from ten to fifteen boys and girls in each. The auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society holds regular meetings, collects stipulated dues, and meets its appropriations in a truly Christian manner.

STATISTICS FOR KUMAON DISTRICT.

Missionaries	5
Assistants	3
Bible women	8
Medical women	2
Women under instruction	150
Women taught in villages	210
Christian teachers	19
Pupils in boarding schools	65
Pupils in village schools	213
Women in Home	17

SOUTH INDIA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. E. LAYTON, Calcutta.

MISS M. HEDRICK, Calcutta.

MISS ELLEN H. WARNER, Rangoon.

MISS M. MCKESSON, Rangoon.

The two schools with which the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been connected in South India have proved good investments, if success in their line of work be made a test, and it is believed that no better Missionary work has been done than in raising up teachers and Christian workers from among the people we seek to influence.

After six years of most arduous labor Miss Layton finds it impossible to longer hold her post in Calcutta, by reason of failing health, and will be obliged to return home at the end of this year. Miss Margaret Hedrick was

sent out by the New York Branch in September, to take her place, but the assistant so urgently asked for last year is yet to be found. The school must have new buildings, and the money granted last year to assist in this enterprise is waiting while other means are being tried to raise sufficient money to build such a building as the importance of the work demands. In Rangoon the building has become "too strait" for the school, and an addition was built, but still more room is needed. The school numbers 110, twenty-eight of whom are boarders. Another teacher is earnestly asked for. Miss McKesson, sent last year by the Western Branch, has proved a valuable helper in the school and in the church work generally. Miss Warner says: "I am sure her coming was ordered of the Lord."

The following from the Presiding Elder, Dr. Thoburn, is given, as it refers to both schools, and to the future prospects of woman's work in the South India Conference:

"The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Calcutta Girls' School. The number of boarders has risen to sixty-one, and would have been much larger had there been room for all who applied. Scarcely a week has passed during the last three or four months that one or more pupils have not been rejected because room could not be found for them. The want of larger buildings is more keenly felt than ever, and it is now clear that the work of building cannot longer be delayed. Thus far we have been subjected to many disappointments, and we have not even yet decided on any definite plan. Each step we take shows us that the final cost will be much greater than we had at first expected, but we hope in due time to provide for all the wants of the enterprise.

"When in possession of enlarged buildings the school will, no doubt, increase in numbers, and we will not only save the large amount now expended in rent, but probably add to our income an equal amount. This will enable us to strengthen our teaching staff, and, as we hope, also to increase the usefulness of the institution in various ways. Among other agencies which we hope to employ is that of a permanent training class for zenana work. The young girls under training can be sent out under ladies engaged in active zenana work, and thus the institution will not only train young women for usefulness, but will actually do missionary work in the course of its ordinary routine.

"Three graduates of this school, all of whom learned Bengali while in the institution, have recently been sent out into regular missionary work, and give promise of much usefulness in future life. Others will follow every year, and the training classes will, no doubt, become much larger than they are now.

"Miss Warner's school in Rangoon has been growing steadily, and has become straitened for want of room. An addition was made to the school building last year, but it is proving insufficient, and further enlargements must be made before very long. All reports concerning the school are favorable. Miss McKesson has proved a very valuable assistant to Miss Warner, and has also been very useful in the Rangoon church work.

"I am fully persuaded that the Rangoon school will ultimately become a most important auxiliary to the work of our church in Burmah. The same necessity for zenana teachers does not exist there as in India, but *workers*, by whatever name called, and in whatever particular way engaged, will be needed there in vast numbers. Christian women, educated, trained, and experienced, are needed, and for a century to come will be needed in every non-Christian land. Miss Warner will soon begin to send out valuable workers, and in the years to come it will be seen that the work which she is now doing is really, and in the best sense of the word, missionary work."

BOMBAY.

Missionary—MISS SARAH M. DELINE.

The hope entertained, and pledge given by our Society to send two ladies to open zenana work in Bombay, has been in part fulfilled during the present year. Through the frequent and earnest representations of Rev. D. A. Fox, Presiding Elder of the Bombay and Madras District, the great needs and opportunities existing there were brought very directly to the notice of our Board.

The city is a very large, rapidly growing and densely populated one, and lying on the sea coast is not subject to the intense heat of the inland cities, and, consequently, is much more healthful than they. Though lying in the South India Conference, its work is purely native work, and must, for a time, be supported in the same manner as the work of the North India Conference.

Early in the year Mr. Fox wrote: "Methodism should have a strong hold in Bombay. It is one of the most important centers for work in India. Every year's delay is a loss to us. Many of our people who have been interested in this special work (Zenana Mission) are losing heart, and fearing that our church is unable to enter the field. A lady medical missionary would be a valuable addition to the work, provided she is an earnest, soul-saving worker." In July he wrote: "It was a great disappointment to us that no one came last year, but I am glad to tell you that God has put it into the hearts of two sisters to open work in Bombay—Mrs C. P. Hard, wife of our pastor, and Miss Sarah Cassidy. They have opened schools for smaller boys and girls, and hold meetings among the native Christian women of our church, their labors being closely connected with the native work of the church under the care of Revs. Bowen and Hard, but designed ere long to spread out in directions not reached by the regular work, and also to prepare the way for the zenana work, which we hope your Society will begin soon."

To this appeal we have responded by sending Miss Sarah M. DeLine, of Elwood, Ill. Miss DeLine is a very earnest Christian, a successful teacher, and one who has great power in evangelistic work; the latter being a requirement strongly insisted upon by the Presiding Elder of Bombay District. He also earnestly urges that as soon as practicable another lady be sent to assist in this truly gigantic undertaking. His district, comprising both that of Bombay

and Madras, he further makes an urgent appeal to our Society for a lady teacher for the girls' school in Madras, one of the former lady teachers having married, and one of them removed from this place. For the first year it would probably be necessary for the Women's Foreign Missionary Society to pay her a salary, but after that the school would be entirely self-supporting. Dr. Thoburn approves the request, and the school is under the control of the Annual Conference, and well established. To a lady filling the position would also be given the privilege of engaging in the native work on the Sabbath and through the week, as time would permit. For this abundant harvest let us pray that consecrated laborers may be sent forth.

CHINA.

FOOCHOW.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS S. TRASK, M. D.,

MISS CARRIE I. JEWELL,

MISS CATHERINE CORY, M. D.,

MISS LIZZIE M. FISHER.

For various reasons the account from our oldest field of labor, Foochow, must be less definite and in some respects less satisfactory than in former years. Our veteran workers, the Misses Woolston, left there in December, and failing to find anyone to supply their place, the Woman's and Girls' schools were merged into one, under charge of the native Presiding Elder and a teacher employed by him, all under control of the Rev. G. Smythe. He writes as follows: "There have been thirty-five women and girls in attendance, ten of which were classed as women, and twenty-five as girls. The Elder and myself have been working under difficulties, but we have tried to do the best we could. With an unendowed and penniless college on my hands, I could not give much time to another school. The work of the Elder, too, was large enough, and the care of the female seminary was assuredly no part of his duties. But upon the additional work required he entered with his whole heart, laboring and praying earnestly for its success. His wife taught part of the time, Mrs. Ohlinger also taught one hour each day; we also employed an able and accomplished Christian teacher. He is a literary graduate, and thoroughly fitted by education for the Chinese work. But his spirit is not as well fitted as his heart, and when the school closed for the summer, I had to dismiss him." Surely it is time our Society had its representatives there to look after our own work, and we esteemed ourselves happy in the two brave, devoted and zealous young women who have given themselves to this work. Misses Jewell and Fisher, from the State of Ohio, the one sent out by the Cincinnati, the other by the Baltimore Branch, sailed for Foochow October 7th, and are doubtless now at their chosen field of labor. Trustfully, even joyfully

they started, though the war cloud hung heavy over China, and for a time its special fury seemed concentrated in Foochow.

Thirty-three day schools are reported. From Shanghai, where Miss Trask, with the other lady Missionaries, had fled for safety during the terrible war scenes in Foochow, she writes: "I shall not be back in Foochow in time to get another letter to you before General Executive Meeting. The medical work has been carried on in the Hospital and Dispensary as in former years. In East street, in the city, there would be an attendance each morning of from sixty to ninety patients. We succeeded in getting more patients from the city Dispensary to the Hospital than in former years. Our out practice has also increased. Dr. Cory, who only arrived April first, has already taken up considerable work, although her chief occupation is supposed to be learning the language for the first six months. The year has been a very satisfactory one. We are pleased to read signs of growing confidence in us." At our last Committee Meeting, we called attention to the earnest pleading of Dr. Trask that one of our medical students might be brought to this country for a thorough, general and medical education, to qualify her for the highest usefulness for her sex in her own land, and her own earnest words of entreaty were read to the Committee. The proposition was so novel, and the undertaking so hazardous, that while our hearts glowed in gratitude and wonder at such a project opening such possibilities to a Chinese woman, we shrank from the cost and risk involved. But some generous women in the Philadelphia Branch privately assumed the responsibility, and Miss Hu King Eng, the first Chinese girl voluntarily coming to our shores for purposes of good, has landed, been among us winning our hearts by her simplicity, trustfulness and devotion, and is now pursuing her studies at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio.

For many reasons Foochow should have a special place in our interest and prayers at this time. In many respects, with regard to educational theories, it is in a transition state, and wise and good people have differed as to whether women should simply receive an elementary and purely religious education, or how far larger privileges might be extended to them. Then the leaving of our experienced workers and our inability for a time to supply their place, has worked disadvantageously, and this to be followed by the war and all its evils, makes a strong plea for our sympathy and prayers. Recent letters are full of graphic but most gloomy descriptions of the destruction of forts, the loss of life, the suspension of all peaceful pursuits, suspicion, confusion, danger, and all because a Christian nation has followed its most extravagant demands with shot and shell, with devastation and death. Alas! for the policy of so-called Christian nations in their relations to China. But the Lord reigneth! Righteousness and truth shall yet meet together in national and international movements. The King shall reveal himself to be the Prince of Peace. The remainder of wrath will He restrain. But our work in Foochow is now under fire. Our young missionaries press their way to meet strife and confusion. Therefore let it and them have a special place in our prayers.

NORTH CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE B. SEARS,

MISS E. AKERS, M. D.,

MISS E. YATES,

MRS. C. JEWELL,

MISS C. M. CUSHMAN (Home on leave).

PEKING.

Peking, with its area of twenty-five square miles, is divided by walls into two parts—the Chinese City and the Tartar City. Within the latter are the Imperial buildings and government offices, also walled in. The mission premises of our church are just inside the city gate, and quite near the Foreign Legations. Our own Society has here a house and school building, and on another lot a Home and Hospital.

This mission was opened in 1869, and in 1871 Miss Brown and Miss Porter were sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to commence a work which, under the Divine blessing, has had a steady growth until the present time. The year has been marked with a good degree of prosperity in the boarding school. Miss Cushman left in May, and the whole care devolved upon Miss Sears and Mrs. Jewell. The schools closed with the usual examinations, which are coming to be of greater interest as the girls advance in their studies, each year taking new ones. Some of the older girls have assisted in instructing the lower classes, meanwhile making commendable progress in the "course" prescribed for the higher grade. The school numbered forty-eight at its close, nine of whom remain during vacation; the remainder going to their homes, as it seems best to give them an opportunity to see what they will have to meet, and how much of strength and grace will be needed to stand the opposition that must set in against them when they have left school life. And it will also be for the advancement of the work in giving the people to see that no harm has come to these girls in having associated with the "foreigners." More than half the pupils are the children of Christians.

Miss Cushman writes: "We have now so many large girls in school that we hire no sewing done. Thirteen of the girls have received instruction on the organ, and have made such proficiency as to be able to take their turn in playing at morning prayers. We each spend a half day in school, so that there is the constant presence of both a native and foreign teacher. Silent study is enforced, and the same order insisted upon that we should desire at home. We find it is not desirable to receive very young girls. All the larger girls, are professing Christians. A new girl is assigned to the care of an older girl who is sure to teach her to pray, and the school rises *en masse* against a girl who will not 'say her prayers.' Over twenty of our girls have had their feet unbound. Next to telling them of Jesus, perhaps the best thing we do for them is to take off the bandages that would make them hobble through life on crushed and aching feet. The thing has ceased to be strange, and we mark

with delight the growing sentiment in its favor among the church members. We thank God that He gave the noble ladies who founded the school broad and far-seeing wisdom that led them to establish the precedent of unbinding feet; and we thank Him to-day that He is allowing us to help to hasten the time when even in China our sisters shall 'run and not be weary, walk and not faint.' There is an inspiration felt from this school all through the borders of this entire district reached by our Mission, even to the most distant stations."

Another plan for this school is alluded to by Mrs. Jewell. "Miss Sears and I are trying to institute an industrial department in the school. We believe it will, when in working order, not only be an economy to the Society, but a very valuable educator to the girls. While it is a blessing to anybody to know how to work, it will be especially to these girls, for they have no future life of ease to look forward to, and if they can learn cheerfully to work it may be a great help to them in time to come. Other missions are much stirred on the subject of building up self-supporting work. As the education of girls in North China is considered of no importance, scarcely a girl in the school but what is put there to be clothed and fed. If the parents were required to do this, the result would be most of the girls would stay at home where they might sew or do some other kind of work by which they might earn their food. Hence, the only way for making the work in any measure self-supporting must be to give them some employment here at the school, so that they can really help themselves. We propose right away to get such little spinning wheels as the Chinese use for the purpose, and have the girls learn to spin thread; and then, when we have additional rooms, we may put up looms for weaving cloth."

The day schools have been continued through the year, and shedding rays of light in many dark homes. The training school for Bible women, opened by Mrs. Gamewell, in 1881, has continued under her efficient supervision until nearly the close of the present year, when Mr. Gamewell decided to accept an appointment to West China, which will necessitate some change; possibly the women may be sent to Tientsin, in charge of Miss Yates, where accommodations are ample.

TIENTSIN.

Miss Yates writes, early in the year: "Upon my return from the country, where I was for several weeks, I found that the enthusiasm of the teacher and interest of the scholars had somewhat abated, the attendance having decreased to six. Last week one of these, only fifteen years of age, was taken from the school to be married. I was very much troubled to see the attendance so reduced and so little accomplished by what is considered one of the best evangelizing agencies. I laid the whole matter before the Lord, and then went out among the people, and succeeded in obtaining six scholars in two days. Saturday they came to my study to sing, and I gave to each a card with the text, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' I take great satis-

action in the thought that the young girl who is to be married and goes to live in a distant province has learned the way of salvation, and I believe it can never be utterly forgotten, even though she may be surrounded by superstition and idolatry. I have a number of women who are learning to read, and many who are not willing to try to read are pleased to listen to me while I talk of Christ. I often sit with them, and while they sew or continue their household duties, tell them of my home 'beyond the seas,' and why I left it to come to this strange land. Disinterested motives they are very slow to comprehend, but they never fail to wonder at the sacrifice, for, to a Chinaman, native land and ancestry are loved and cherished as his own life. To live and die with their fathers is to be desired above anything else. A prayer meeting for women and children has been held weekly, with an attendance varying from five to twenty-five. A part of the time this meeting has been held in the chapel of the Mission, and has been open to promiscuous audiences. There has been respectful attention, and in many cases attentive listeners. In some instances these services have been followed by invitations to visit homes."

The Sunday school, of which Miss Yates has had charge, has had an average attendance of sixty scholars. Miss Yates and Dr. Akers made a country trip in April, being absent from Tientsin three weeks. They visited five stations, and saw many hopeful indications that the gospel leaven is working for the redemption of the "millions" of China.

Miss Yates writes: "I was especially encouraged in revisiting the section where I spent several weeks last winter. Sometimes in those lonely days it seemed to me that the 'line upon line and precept upon precept' made no impression whatever upon the callous consciences and benighted minds about me. My heart did realize something of the joyful reaping that follows tearful sowing as I saw that some of these people were standing upon a higher plane, mentally and spiritually, because of my efforts, though made in much weakness."

The examinations of the day schools, now five in number, were also very satisfactory.

Dr. Akers, in referring to this visit to the out stations, in which she administered to about two hundred sick people, endorses most fully the sentiment, "It is of use to go among these people," and they appreciate it, too. They were respectful, and evinced no unreasonable curiosity in regard to our persons. In fact, many times we heard them saying we were quite like them, only we did not wear ear-rings, and had large feet.

Our whole journey was a pleasant one, and did our hearts and souls good, but was rather hard physically. The day before we reached home I was thirteen hours in the saddle, while Miss Yates was jolted over rough roads in a flat-bottomed cart, without springs. When we reached our inn, at nine o'clock in the evening, we were too tired to think of supper. Miss Yates nibbled a bit of dry cake, while I appeased my long-empty stomach on a fossil biscuit and

piece of cold mutton; meanwhile dragging my stiffening limbs back and forth across the little room, with its uneven earthen floor, fearing to go to bed until I had "been exercised," lest the morning should find me too unwilling to mount for the home stretch.

The last of July these ladies made another trip, and found so much to cheer and encourage them, that they were more than repaid for the fatigue and excessive heat.

Dr. Howard has had charge of the medical work for the year, as usual, although Dr. Akers attended to it from the last of December until about the middle of April, Dr. Howard being able to see patients only a few days during that time. The Dispensary was open every day, with about the usual number in attendance. Dr. Akers refers to an in-patient for whom she was much interested—"a mother who came with her sick daughter, from a town some twenty miles away. Her mind seemed prepared for the seed-sowing. She did not worship idols—had not for a long time—simply because she did not believe in them. Her friends had accused her of being a Mohammedan. She denied the accusation, but told them that she was not going to worship wood, stone and paper. Her daughter was past recovery, but during the time we were trying what we could do for her. I believe the sick and the well both received, through the help of Miss Yates and the enlightening of the Holy Spirit, the knowledge of the Truth to the saving of the soul."

The marriage of Dr. Howard, on the twenty-first of August, removed her from the work of our Society, as Mr. King is a member of the London Mission. Dr. Akers will carry on the work in the Isabella Fisher Hospital. In a recent letter she says: "This month we have begun a new plan with the Dispensary. We have felt, for a long time, that more than we were doing must be done for the people that come but once perhaps, and so we have put the little organ into one of the rooms in the Dispensary, and every morning as the patients come they are put in this room to wait. Miss Yates sings, and talks and prays, giving to such as can read a text, or tract, or catechism. I call them by a bell to my room, one by one, and treat them for their bodily ailments. Poor things! They are so fearfully stupid and blind with all their sinfulness. We do need your prayers very often for sympathy and loving interest for such. The times of refreshing by sight are comparatively few here."

A good deal of excitement and suspense has prevailed in the Mission since the war clouds have been gathering. Miss Yates, in a hasty note, says: "You will be feeling very anxious about us, but I assure you that we are in no danger personally. Our 'country trips' may not be advisable for the present, but we shall keep about our work, feeling secure for the present at least. All this may be just what is needed in bringing this selfish, covetous nation to a better understanding of their own weakness."

CENTRAL CHINA.

CHIN KIANG.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LUCY HOAG, M. D.,

MISS MARY C. ROBINSON.

The city of Chin Kiang, which is situated at the junction of the Grand Canal with the Yang-tse-kiang river, forty-five miles northeast of Nankin, is a very important center and key to the province. In January, 1884, Misses Hoag and Robinson were sent out by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the one to take charge of the boarding school, the other to open medical work. With the warm sympathy and active co-operation of the Missionaries of the Parent Board, the work was commenced, and bids fair to make one of the most promising fields in China. While learning the language, Miss Robinson will labor at a great disadvantage, but Dr. Hoag, with her thorough knowledge of Chinese people as well as tongue, finds ready access everywhere in the use of the healing art, and already the medical work is fairly inaugurated. For want of suitable accommodations, she has a dispensary at the chapel, and in one month gave medicine to eight hundred and fifty patients. Miss Robinson says: "Nothing could be more satisfactory than the outlook for Miss Hoag's medical work at the present time. In her quiet way she has inspired a great deal of confidence already, and patients are daily increasing in number." Of one of these she adds: "One of her first patients came with some eye trouble, which was soon cured. Then he had her treat his little boy. In the course of the child's sickness one kind of medicine was so distasteful that he could only be induced to take a small portion (about one-third). So, when the father returned the medicine, he said the child was still sick, but *one-third* better than he had been. Miss Hoag had to seek a new remedy for the remaining two-thirds of ill health." It is hoped another year will show the development of a growing, aggressive work.

KIU KIANG.

Since Miss Howe left this field, nearly a year ago, we have had no representative there. Some money has been expended on the school, which has been cared for by Mrs. Kupfer. It is earnestly hoped that arrangements can be made for the further prosecution of the work in this field, with the support its importance demands. As no estimates were forwarded, the future of the work in Kiu Kiang remains in the hands of the Reference Committee.

WEST CHINA.

Missionary—MISS FRANCES WHEELER.

Some facts give special interest and importance to this field: First—its great size, 166,800 square miles. Second—its great population, 26,000,000, or more than half that of the United States, and with its contiguous and easily

accessible provinces, 90,000,000! Third—the almost entire absence of any Protestant Missionaries, or, indeed, of any foreign influence. It is virgin soil into which to drop the seed of the Kingdom. Fourth—the peculiar simplicity of the people, and their remarkable receptivity of the Gospel. This is especially true of the women. Their eagerness to learn is exceptional among Chinese women. Dr. Wheeler, who opened this mission about two years ago, but has been compelled to leave it on account of ill health, writes just before leaving: “The work is certainly opening up most promisingly in every department. Crowds of men, women and children come to see us and hear the Gospel. The girl’s school is full, and many desiring to enter have, of necessity, been turned away. There has been no such opening of our work in any other part of China, as we have already seen, in this frontier province. On a recent Sunday a great concourse of people gathered in our Chapel to see and hear. The room was more than filled, and overflow meetings were held. On returning from Chapel to the house I found my daughter in the large pavillion, surrounded by perhaps 400 women and children. She had been there a long time singing and talking the Gospel to her interested hearers. Our helpers estimated that there must have been between four and five thousand people on the premises and on the street seeking admission. I am gaining a new idea of the possibilities of missionary work in China.” Dr. Crews writes: “Our Chapel will hold about 500, and last Sunday it was overcrowded. The attendance of women is greater than that of men, and they always remain through the whole service, which is not always true of the men. The greatest number of applicants for medical treatment is from the women. The value of gospelized medicine can hardly be overestimated. Parents are so willing to have their children attend the Mission schools that they readily comply with any conditions we make. The boy’s school was filled the day it was opened. Miss Wheeler is doing a grand work for the girls. Daily she is compelled to refuse applicants because she cannot take them in. Our native Christians show an eagerness and faithfulness that many of our home Christians would do well to equal.”

Children learn to sing as readily and as accurately as American children do, and seem to enjoy it more. While China is a nation of noise, it is destitute of music, but the children are learning the grand old hymns of the ages, and that gives promise of a better day. Probably no other field in China affords such grand opportunities for Mission work as Suchuen province, and our church is the only one represented there. Rev. S. Lewis writes: “Not only on the Sabbath services is the attendance increased, but on class, prayer and Bible meetings. Our weekly prayer meeting has grown from a dozen a few months ago to between 25 and 30, and our Sabbath afternoon Bible meetings for study show about the same number. A few weeks ago Mrs. Lewis began a Sabbath morning class of women for the study of the ‘Chief Incidents in the Life of Christ.’ Beginning with eight the number is now eighteen. Our work is great and promising, and we rejoice in it. When I see what God is

doing among us I often think surely the good people at home are praying for the West China Mission." Miss Wheeler writes: "The annals of our West China Mission will scarce record events more encouraging than those of the present year. The Father's guiding hand may be traced through them all, leading and directing in even the minutest details. But, to tell, in whole, the story of the providential opening up of the work in this distant province would, I fear, tax the patience of my reader; therefore I shall confine myself to a few of the most important undertakings achieved during the last twelve months.

"Unwilling to see so many opportunities pass by unimproved solely on account of the absence of mission premises, I took the responsibility, a year ago, of renting a desirable place not far from the compound owned by the Parent Mission. Some repairs were made and a few improvements added, leaving it in good condition. Word was then given out that a girls' school would open on the first day of October. Early Monday morning, long before breakfast, troops of little ones began to gather in, each under the escort of a mother, sister, cousin or aunt. About nine o'clock I repaired to the room where a motley crowd impatiently awaited my arrival; and, after a few preliminary remarks, the regulations drawn up by a literary gentleman at my suggestion were subjected in turn to the several guardians, each being requested, as a token of approval, to affix a cross to the name of her particular charge, thereby confiding her to my care for at least three years, and giving me perfect liberty to control her actions while in the school room. Owing to circumstances, it was thought advisable to place the limit of admission at twenty-two, and, in spite of many protestations and hundreds of applications, none were added to the original number until later in the year. At present I have twenty-eight dear little girls to love and teach. Their ages range from seven to thirteen, and among them may be found almost every variety of physique and disposition.

"Fair progress has been made in study, and there is every reason to expect that some of the children will yet be a credit to their instructors. Several of them profess to love Jesus, and declare that they no longer believe in nor bow down to the idols whom their parents worship. I think they are truly in earnest, and my sincere prayer is that strength may be given them sufficient to withstand the ridicule and slight that must be encountered should they become pronounced disciples of our Lord. One of the youngest of the pupils, a bright, attractive child, has been accepted as a probationer. Her father and mother are both Christians—the latter a woman of great faith and sweet character. The Sunday school is a source of much enjoyment to the girls, and many of them are also regular attendants on the Friday evening class. This means of grace was instituted two or three months ago for the benefit of the members of my woman's reading class and the scholars; but others have joined, until now between thirty and forty of us meet together weekly for prayer, testimony and song."

JAPAN.

From one of the last published letters of the lamented Bishop Wiley, written after the organization of the Japan Annual Conference, the following extract is taken, furnishing a most fitting introduction to reports from the different fields in Japan which received his kind attention and hearty approval at this meeting:

"One of the very pleasing features of the Conference was the presence of nearly the entire force of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The action of the last General Conference seemed to be intended to bring the workers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society into closer relations with the work and workers of the Missionary Society. In this Mission there has always prevailed the utmost harmony between the two branches of workers. Yet both parties felt that the new order of things was a decided improvement, and that it would make them more co-operative and efficient. The ladies held daily meetings, planning for their work, and, among other things, organized a 'Woman's Conference,' embracing all the ladies of the Mission. They also were the movers in a well-arranged four years' course of study in the Japanese language, which they pledge themselves to pursue systematically, and most of the younger missionaries have determined to join them in it. In the large dining-room of the admirable school building of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society we all had the very great pleasure of dining at a common table day by day, and these occasions were seasons of refreshing in more senses than one. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has a corps of choice ladies in Japan, working in the four fields of our Mission—Tokio, Yokohama, Hakodati and Nagasaki—and I feel called upon to speak in the highest terms of the good work they are accomplishing. It was a pleasure to me to 'read out' their appointments for the ensuing year, feeling that they were going forth to as important and effectual work as any others to whom I was assigning their fields of labor."

TOKIO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,

MISS A. P. ATKINSON,

MISS M. J. HOLBROOK (Home on leave).

MISS R. WATSON.

From a full report of the work in Tokio, sent by Miss Holbrook, the following is taken: "The year just closing has been one of uninterrupted prosperity. The health of teachers and pupils has been good. Regularity in school duties has been the rule in most cases, making the work much easier than heretofore. Since September, we have had eighty pupils under our care. One has married a Christian teacher in the Agricultural School at Nagoya, one girl of fourteen died, and several, whose contracts had expired, returned home; so our number now is seventy. Forty of these are Christians. Six girls and our cook were baptized last winter, and a thoughtful girl of sixteen is

to be received into the church soon. Of those taken into the church last year, none have made shipwreck of their faith, but we see evidences of Christian growth, and some of the older girls have developed into efficient helpers in Sunday-school and religious work. Our examinations and commencement exercises had added interest this year, from the fact that two young ladies graduated in the English department—our first. Both are young women of more than ordinary ability. One will be retained in the school, as teacher; the other has gone to Yokohama, to assist Rev. J. C. Davidson in the preparation and revision of hymns for the new Japanese hymnal. She is esteemed among her people as a poetess of special promise. Mr. Davidson writes of her: 'O Yen San has real poetic genius. I praise the Lord for such help.' Her graduating essay, 'Japanese Poets and their Poetry,' was spoken of by all in highest terms. The examinations in Japanese etiquette were very interesting. Little attention has been paid to this in mission schools, and the better class of the people have objected, that girls under our care learn foreign tastes and manners, to the neglect of their own. Though as yet our schools are in the formative period, still we feel they are meeting the wants of the people better every year, and it cannot now be said that we unfit girls for homes among the people. The last exercise in the etiquette examination was a mock feast, in which one girl took the part of guest, and several others acted as attendants. The dinner was a ceremonious one, and, though the food was all simulated, fish, vegetables, etc., being artistically made of cloth, everything was handled so deftly, and the movements of the waiters were so graceful, that it was a very pretty sight. There has been a class in Japanese cookery the greater part of the year, and Japanese sewing and fancy work are taught by the matron. Mrs. Van Petten and Miss Atkinson have had charge of the English department this year. At Tamachi, the work has prospered beyond our expectations. It had been impossible to find a larger house, though the rooms were insufficient for our wants. But at last a man offered to build a suitable house if we would pay the rent eighteen months in advance. We were glad to accept the contract, and now the school is going on prosperously in the new quarters. There are nearly fifty pupils in attendance at the day school, and the average at the Sunday school is about fifty-five. We hope to have the building used as a preaching place next; have also plans for a night school. The tuition fees of the pupils have paid the rent for some months. At Kenda Mrs. Van Petten has a most interesting women's class, in connection with the Sunday school. She has also a 'reading circle' once a week. This meeting is of a social nature, one woman reading from some simple religious book, while the others sew or knit. The women, in turns, gladly open their houses for the meeting. The infant department of the Sunday school has been taught most successfully by one of our girls. We have also opened a day school in the neighborhood. It is under Miss Atkinson's care, and the outlook is hopeful. The Japanese teachers in the day schools are consulting with each other on the advisability of a uniform course of study, corresponding with that of the preparatory

department of the boarding school, so that they can be reported to the Government as teachers of 'Tsukiji school. Occasional union meetings have been held for the women of all our Methodist churches in Tokio, with very good results. Religious services occupy about half an hour, after which light refreshments are served, and an hour spent in social converse. Nowhere can cake and tea be made a 'means of grace' as well as in Japan. The Tsukiji Sunday school is united with that of the Parent Board, is a very flourishing one, and as interesting as one of our home schools. Children's day was observed in Tokio this year, for the first time. Three hundred pupils from the different Methodist Episcopal schools were present. Songs and recitations from the pupils, followed by two or three short speeches, made up the programme. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and as the representatives of the schools or classes brought their offerings to the altar, they brought also small bouquets, which were placed in a cross of green prepared for the purpose. The offerings from individual pupils were sometimes only a fraction of a cent in value, but they amounted to four yen—equal to four dollars—a handsome sum in the eyes of the Japanese. The flowers were sent next day to a charity hospital, and to sick people in the neighborhood. The weekly prayer meetings have been a benefit to all engaged in them. The women talk and pray with the greatest freedom. A Scripture Reading Union, and also a society on the plan of the Chautauqua Literary Circle, have been organized, and numbers of women have become members. There are signs of activity all along the lines, and, though God has not worked among us with the pentecostal power of last year, He has given us at times unmistakable evidences of His presence. We have seen emotion crystallize into fixed principle, the weak made strong, and our own hearts drawn out as never before in love and sympathy for the women and girls of Japan."

In August Bishop Wiley organized the Mission into an Annual Conference. Mrs. Van Petten was transferred to Yokohama, where she will have charge of the training school for Bible women, and Miss Watson was appointed to the English work in Tokio. A Woman's Conference was organized, and a course of study marked out for Missionaries and Bible women. Five of the wives of Missionaries will probably take up work this year. The memory of the prayer meeting at the close, writes one of the ladies, "will help us all through the year." September 15th the Tokio school re-opened, and the same afternoon the most furious typhoon that had visited the place for twenty years swept over Tokio. It wrought great damage to the school building, entirely unroofing part, and blowing the tiles from a large portion of the rest. Two days later a heavy rain storm flooded the house through the open roof, damaging the rooms to such an extent that all were crowded into the dining room. Many who were sent home to wait for repairs came back saying their own houses had been completely blown away. The damage is estimated at \$400, and will be paid from the balance on hand in the Tokio treasury.

YOKOHAMA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. J. BENTON,

MRS. CARRIE VAN PETTEN.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society made their first appropriation for this field in May, 1877—providing for one day school and two Bible women—and the work was commenced under the supervision of Mrs. Correll. In January following the school numbered forty-four pupils, and was increasing in attendance and interest when the severe illness of Mrs. Correll and the prevalence of cholera rendered its suspension a necessity. It was re-opened, and upon Miss Higgins' arrival she took charge, and it soon outgrew the accommodations provided for it, and a large room was secured. A prosperous Sunday school was connected with it, and much seed-sowing done. After Miss Higgins' death Mrs. Correll again took the care of the work, which she most faithfully looked after until she left for home, very early in 1882. Mrs. Draper in turn kept up the work, as did also Mr. Soper, who was acting as Superintendent of the Mission in Dr. Maclay's absence. He, with other members of the mission, made very strong appeals for help to be sent as soon as possible.

At the executive meeting of the New England Branch, in April, 1882, letters were read from some of our workers in Tokio, pleading for the work in Yokohama. The suggestion was made that our Branch secure a "Home" for our missionaries who shall be sent to this important field," and with great unanimity a vote was passed to do this; leave from the Reference Committee was secured, negotiations were entered into with the Parent Board for the building erected and used for the Theological school; terms secured, and in May, 1883, the announcement was made by the Treasurer that the amount required for the payment of the house had been received and paid over to the proper authorities, "\$3,500 for a Memorial Home;" all this over and above the regular appropriations. Miss Benton was sent in 1882, and Miss Watson in 1883. Miss Benton did solid, substantial work for nearly a year after her arrival, when she began to surrender to "climatic influences," and it was feared she would be compelled to return home. But in February of this year she was able to resume study, and has been hard at work ever since, looking after the schools, and making preparations for a Training school for Bible women, as this evangelistic work is so much needed.

A transfer of Mrs. Van Petten from Tokio to Yokohama was asked in the spring, and Miss Watson to go to Tokio as teacher of English, but the matter was not fully settled until Bishop Wiley's visit, when this appointment was made by him.

Mrs. Van Petten writes: "The day after Conference closed I picked up my individual belongings, and the next morning came to Yokohama, where I am still busy in getting settled and becoming acquainted. We had a delightful Conference, ending with one hour's prayer meeting that warmed our hearts

more than almost any former meeting in Japan has done, and we separated pledged to fifteen minutes 'daily earnest prayer for the work, ourselves and each other.' We petitioned for a regular 'course of study' and 'examiners,' which was granted, much to my delight, as I have been wanting this all the time. We were much pleased to witness the enthusiasm with which the native preachers hailed the establishment of the 'School for Bible women.' I was a little surprised, too, for I did not know they were so much interested. We shall open the school Wednesday, September 17th, we think, with at least seven pupils, most of them widows. The fact that I have been married gives me greater freedom in visiting outside churches, which is a very important item in the work I have undertaken. I want to open correspondence with some Christian woman in each of our churches, and with all our married daughters, in order to help them establish reading bands, and lead them to feel that we are all one. This, with my daily teaching of the Bible in Japanese, and the study that will be necessary to enable me to do this, will give me plenty to do. These seven women, who are to be received as the first pupils in our school, represent seven different localities, and it is our hope to get one from each of our churches before long. I must confess to you that it occasioned me some sorrow of heart to leave the Home in Tokio, a place that has always been very dear to me ever since my first arrival in Japan, and nothing but the profound conviction that the best interests of the work demanded the change would ever have made me consent to come to Yokohama. That being clear, however, of course I shall be happy here."

The matter of our day schools was pretty thoroughly discussed in the Conference, and a strong sentiment expressed that in regard to them we conform to the usages of the country, in allowing them to be "mixed," as all the primary schools are, and there would be a great loss of influence, as many would not allow a separation of the sexes.

In looking over the work in this field we feel confident that at no time during the seven years of its existence has it been so full of encouragement. The Home will afford ample accommodations for the Training school, which is sure to become a centre of religious influence and power, from which shall emanate blessed, life-giving rays, to gladden and purify hearts and homes in this land where civilization and Christianity are winning such triumphs. The great readiness of the people to receive the truth, and their eagerness for the knowledge and improvements of the "West," are most favorable for scattering the "seed of the kingdom" in this soil, apparently so ready for it, and to multiply to the extent of our ability the fostering influences so necessary just at this critical period, when the Government has abolished the "State religions;" or rather, as a recent writer says: "Government could not elevate Christianity to the same level as Buddhism and Shintoism, so the latter have been put on the same level with Christianity." This means open toleration and protection, and a passport to preach the Gospel in any part of the Empire. "Religion" is the great topic, and the common people are examining for themselves the

relative value of their "old faith" and Christianity. That the time may hasten when from every city, village and hamlet of all this "Island-Empire" may be heard the universal testimony, "the Lord He is the God—the Lord He is the God," resulting not merely from intellectual comparisons, but coming from the fullness of human hearts saved by a Divine Redeemer. The home church should gird herself anew for this work, multiplying agencies, material and moral forces, that shall be somewhat commensurate with the magnitude of this demand.

HAKODATI.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. HAMPTON,

MISS E. J. HEWETT,

MISS F. N. HAMISFAR, M. D.

Last year an application from Miss Hampton, strongly endorsed by the Church authorities at Hakodati, was presented to the General Executive Committee, asking for an enlargement of the boarding school. This could be done by erecting a third building in the rear, and uniting the Memorial School House and the present Home. In answer to this request, \$5,000 were sent out, and with gratitude the offering was accepted, and the work commenced at once. It was completed in time for school to open in September, and sixty pupils were expected, so that this school promises to be as large as our other boarding schools in Japan. During the past year, ten of the school girls have offered themselves as candidates for baptism. Bishop Wiley speaks of the work in this school as very satisfactory. The working force in Hakodati was much strengthened early in the year by the arrival of Miss Hamisfar, M. D., who proves herself to be in every respect a counsellor and helper. A letter from Dr. Hamisfar soon came pleading for an assistant for Miss Hampton in the school work, and showing that already the constant strain upon this faithful Missionary was being felt, and if we would keep her cheerful service, she must be speedily reinforced. Accordingly, in October of this year, Miss Ella Hewett, was sent out by the Philadelphia Branch, and is, we trust, already at her post. The same sweet religious influence prevails in this school that has made toil a pleasure in Tokio and Nagasaki. Perhaps this has been our hardest work in Japan, and the success seems more marked in contrast with the difficulties overcome. With the new building, and two teachers for the boarding school, with the medical work of Miss Hamisfar, the future is very hopeful.

NAGASAKI.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. RUSSELL,

MISS G. HOWE,

MISS J. M. GHEER,

MISS E. EVERDING.

The blessing of God still abides with the work and workers at Nagasaki. The year has been a fruitful one in many ways. The highest enrollment in the school was ninety-six, and the progress of the girls in mental culture, as well as in Christian character, has been a marked one. From time to time,

accessions have been made to the Church, and the lives of those professing Christianity are consistent. They have gone through the catechism. Miss Russell says: "We have New Testament lessons every morning at eight o'clock, and every day I have three classes in Old Testament History, and three times a week English Bible reading with those most advanced in English. At the year's closing exercises, which for the first time was made public, a full programme was carried through, and the closing day brought out a chapel full of visitors. Thirty-five girls received class certificates and passed to a higher class. We mark them in daily lessons and in monthly review on the scale of 100; 75 being required to pass. The highest was 97½. I am glad to say there are only one or two unpromising girls in the whole number. There was little sickness during the year, but one bright girl died. The first class, six in number, will graduate in three years. They are all very bright, and all Christians but one." Owing to some exigencies in the work, Miss Gertrude Howe was transferred to Nagasaki for a time, and her support and passage met by the Cincinnati Branch, the Northwestern kindly consenting to the same. Miss Everding reached Japan in December last, so that there are now four ladies in that growing field. Miss Everding is making rapid progress in the language, and is proving herself an instrument "fifty chosen" for the Master's service. The arrival of these two ladies released Miss Gheer for the work among the women, for which she is peculiarly adapted, and which is now carried on most successfully. She has four regular classes, besides working three villages among the women. One of these opened under pleasing circumstances. One of the little girls, seven years old, went home one day last winter. Her parents were heathen, but she told them she must ask a blessing at the table, which she did. She sang her little hymns, learned in the school, and told them how happy it was at the school, how the girls loved one another, and that the "Jesus religion" made people happy. The parents sent to know if they might come sometimes, and learn about the way that made their little girl so happy. Both father and mother came several times to Miss Gheer's Monday evening meeting, held in the chapel. Then they invited Miss Gheer to come to their house and hold a meeting, that their neighbors wanted to come. Now once a week she goes there, and finds a room full of interested listeners, thus verifying the promise given, for the days of Messiah's reign, "A little child shall lead them." Miss Gheer has many invitations to open work among the women in villages and out-stations. As in other fields, the people in the country places receive the Gospel more willingly than those in cities. Already the light kindled in Nagasaki is attracting attention in the dark places in the island of Kiu Sieu. Our ladies have been asked to open branch schools at the out-stations, and in a few years they will be able to furnish teachers from the school.

Some time ago a girl came to Nagasaki from a province 120 miles away, who wanted to graduate in the school, and then go back and establish a school for girls in her own province. She brought two other girls with her, who are

to assist her in her work. She had not heard of Christianity, but wanted an education, and as she could not get admission into the higher grade Government schools, she set out to get an education in her own way. Her father is a high class Japanese, but poor, and though he sympathizes with her ambition, cannot help her much materially. These girls have become Christians since they came into the school, and it will be a Christian school that will be established in that distant province. So the leaven of God's truth is spreading. During the last year a movement has been made in the direction of establishing something on the plan of the C. L. S. C., with a view of developing family reading in native Christian families. Of course it had to be modified greatly. A membership card is given, and a course of reading marked out for some months in advance.

Among the pleasant things of the year was an unusual number of missionary visitors. India and China were well represented among these, and fellow workers in Japan from several stations. At one time seven members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society force in Japan were there for a day or two together. After some years of semi-isolation it was a great treat to our ladies to compare plans and hopes together. Then Miss Russell and Miss Gheer went to Conference, encountering a typhoon on the way, but reaching Tokio safely a day late. The organization of the "Woman's Conference," as set forth in Bishop Wiley's letter, with a course of study and committees for classes of work, is a very important feature in the year's history.

Miss Russell says: "The year has been crowned with mercy and with good. Surely we can trust the loving Father, who has brought us this far, for whatever the future may bring. How thankful we are for your prayers."

BULGARIA.

Missionary—MISS LINNA M. SCHENCK.

The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Bulgaria consists of a boarding school at Loftcha, established and heretofore carried on by Rev. Mr. Challis, of the Parent Board, and a primary school at Rustchuk, which has lately been established under the care of a good teacher. Three years of labor, three removals, two prolonged contests with the authorities of the Government, and much patient and impatient waiting were involved in the establishment of the school at Loftcha; and now, considering that the officers of the Government have been changed, and those in power are not unfriendly to Missions, and that a commodious school building, well furnished and already occupied by twenty pupils, is ready for Miss Schenck's use as soon as she arrives, it seems not amiss to look back and note the path by which we have been led. Rev. Mr. Challis writes:

"We proposed opening first at Sistof, but the difficulty of obtaining suitable quarters led us to think we might do better in the interior, in the more salubri-

ous atmosphere of the Balkans. Our first removal was to Troian, where we opened the school in hired houses, and carried it on a year. The natural surroundings were very good, and the readiness of the people to hear the Gospel made us hope we had made the best selection of a place; but when we attempted to purchase property we found the ecclesiastical authorities prepared to resist, and were reluctantly compelled to abandon that hope and look further. The malarious climate and high prices of the Danube towns made us hesitate about going there. Loftcha was near at hand, but much of the city lies in a deep hollow, and is very undesirable as a place of residence. Plovna is in the midst of a rich country, but is unhealthy. While in doubt, it was suggested that in the part of Loftcha called the Thresher's Mahalla a desirable place might be found. In company with our Bulgarian proctor we looked over the ground, and found on the hill, immediately over the main street, a section formerly settled by Turks, now lying idle, with no one to purchase the vacant lots. The houses had been torn down, and the material removed. A growth of weeds higher than our heads covered the place. We sat down under a walnut tree that now shades a corner of our house, and talked the matter over, deciding to buy if possible. But it must be done without the knowledge of the old Bishop, whose house was just opposite, and who had stirred up the Troyanites to drive us off. A brother was sent to make the purchase in his own name, and found the owners ready to sell at a low figure, and soon concluded a bargain with them; and now another trial began. The local court was in no hurry about legalizing the purchase, and hinted that 'bachsheesh' was in order. Not taking the hint, we had to wait six months before a deed was made out in the name of our agent, who secured the lot to me. Summer had passed, and we had to look for winter quarters for our school. A long search ended by renting a dilapidated Turkish house, on a lot adjoining our proctor's. This, with some repairing, most of which I did myself, was fitted up for a boarding hall. A lumberman's shanty would have done as well. A room in the proctor's house served as a school-room, and part of another Turkish house was rented for my family. It was like beginning in the wilderness, and a more howling wilderness than a strange city full of hostile people I do not care to see. Still the school was kept up, and in the spring preparations were made for building, and then came the signal for war. The Bishop preached a crusade against Protestants. He would have them driven from Loftcha and from Bulgaria 'if it cost every hair of his beard.' If the men had not courage, he would call out the women and drive us from the hill. A petition to expel us from the city was circulated. I went to Sophia, and obtained leave to go on with our building; then another petition was sent up, supported this time by the Prefect, who was a graduate of Roberts College, and had heretofore professed friendship for us. The ministry then sent an order that we must not be permitted to open a school in Loftcha. The last order was irrelevant, for we had already been running the school for two years, and had violated no law. We could get no permission to erect a school building, but no one could prevent us building as large a private resi-

dence as we chose, nor from having school in a private house. Leave for this was granted, and after many vexations and much hard work we were able to move into the house in October, and opened school the first of November. This continued until the middle of January, when orders came to close the school. We re-opened this year, and have now fifteen boarding pupils. Seven of these have been with us ever since we first opened in Troian. They will require two or three more years to graduate. Two have come from the Samakoff School, and hope to graduate this year. This year we required every one to pay at least half a franc a week, and to those who had no means we divided up the housework, so that all could help themselves in part at least."

The work in the boarding department is all done by the girls. Their ages range from fifteen to twenty-five. The course of study includes the ordinary branches, algebra, natural sciences, vocal music, and English. They are taught in the Bulgarian tongue, but some of them are pretty good English scholars. Two of the older pupils are to assist in the school this year. Miss Schenck, who has been sent to care for this work, is an experienced teacher, and we hope to hear of most successful work. An excellent Bulgarian teacher has been employed to teach under her care. A new parsonage has been built in the school enclosure, and Mr. Challis and family will remove to it as soon as the growing needs of the school make more room necessary. The school opened September 3d, 1884, and the appropriations asked for the coming year cover thirty scholarships. The school at Rustchuk was soon to receive personal oversight from Mr. Challis. Hindered by persecution, straightened for lack of means and more teachers, with fears for the future, the prospects for the work have been dark. But the hindrances have been removed, and with thankful hearts our workers in Bulgaria look forward to another year's labor.

ITALY.

From a letter of Dr. Vernon, written October 11th, the following extracts are made:

The estimates are substantially the same as those of last year, so far as relates to the Bible Women in Italy—with the addition of a few new names.

Mrs. Tollis is the wife of our present pastor in Venice; Mrs. Cruceani suffered such continuous, terrible head-ache there as to render their removal *necessary*—much to the regret of all parties concerned. Mrs. Tollis is of a noble family, and is really a Marchioness—which, while it means here nothing marvelous, involves a lineage of lustre, a certain tint and tone in the blood, and, when it does nothing more, does hang a glimmering nimbus about the personality—of a woman especially—which tones down deficiencies, heightens and beautifies good qualities and gifts, and inspires a certain unusual respect. Mrs. T. is, however, an amiable, well-bred, fairly cultured, intelligent and good woman, and I believe, in connection with S. S. work especially, and in caring

for the females who may have any relation with our work, will be highly useful.

Mrs. Polsinelli is the wife of Rev. Dr. Polsinelli, our pastor in Naples. She is a good, strong woman, without children, and otherwise much such a person as Mrs. Tollis. She has been brave and faithful in the midst of the terrors of the cholera scourge in that city, having also had a slight attack of the disease herself.

Mrs. Lopa, at Bologna, is a good, plain, energetic Christian woman, wife of a member of our church there who has labored very successfully for ten years as a Colporteur, and who will greatly help his wife in her work. With our new church there, just completing, she will have a good field.

Mrs. Marini has been a teacher for several years, and is an unusually bright, spirited and capable woman.

Mrs. Cruciani will have a field at Modena, in some regards specially adapted to her. There are a good many Swiss living there—who are nominal, if not professing Protestants; though they are usually indifferent and hard to deal with, still where they can be interested they are valuable to our nascent church. Mrs. C., as a Swiss lady, will have access to these families and their associates, as another could not. These considerations were influential in determining their going to Modena, which is a beautiful city of 40,000 souls—one hour by rail from Bologna.

I have put into the estimates about the sum for sending out a lady, which was estimated last year for salary, traveling expenses, outfit, rent, etc. I know not what you may wish or be able to do in that line. I am ever of the opinion that as soon as you can find a good, capable, liberal-minded, serious woman, with no special fancies or freaks stirring her brain and heart—but the one intelligent and sustained purpose and ardor to save souls and build up the Kingdom of Christ—you ought to send her forward.

The scholastic and orphanage enterprise, which I had the honor to commend to the ladies I met at Philadelphia, and to others, is still a great *desideratum*—a pleasing dream and a devout wish which you alone can fulfill.

A lady has been accepted, and will probably be sent to Italy during the coming year.

SOUTH AMERICA.

ROSARIO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS J. M. CHAPIN.

MISS L. B. DENNING.

As our Missionaries in this field are not given to reporting their own work very extensively, we find our material for a full representation of the condition of this isolated branch of our Mission quite meagre. Nothing has been received from the Superintendent, hence our only knowledge comes from the brief letters written in the midst of many cares, and the added labor imposed by the utter failure of the health of Mrs. Turney very early in the year.

Reference was made in the report of last year to a suitable site having been secured, conditionally, for the new home, for which appropriations were made the year previous. This property was finely located, ample for the purpose—the lot being 87 feet by 225—with about forty young fruit trees, and ten grape vines. There was a house upon the lot, containing eight rooms. Some of the partitions were taken down and good school rooms made, and the new building has many conveniences unknown to the residents there. Our ladies planned the whole, and know how to appreciate these little things, which lessen work, and add greatly to the comfort of the occupants. The building cost one-third more than it would have done two years before, as the price of material and labor had greatly advanced, while land had doubled in value.

The school opened in the new house March 3d, and has had an attendance of sixty girls, from five to fifteen years of age. Miss Chapin says: "We try to teach purity of life every day. We open school with reading in the Bible, and the Lord's prayer, and close with recitations of verses from the New Testament, committed by the children. We have a Spanish Sunday School in our school-rooms every Sabbath afternoon, with thirty-six enrolled as scholars. There have been more than fifty different persons present, most of whom are day scholars. One Spanish gentleman and his wife come every Sunday, and sometimes other adults. We earnestly hope this service may be the means of bringing some to Christ for salvation. We are studying the 'Life of Christ' now, our lesson last Sunday being 'His Temptation in the Wilderness.'"

"We visit among the families as we can find time and opportunity. Now there is a woman sick in the hospital whom we visit. The poor sufferers there seem so glad to see the face of a visitor, and receive a kind word. We would like to do more outside work, but are pressed with care and work at home. We think there ought to be some one here learning the language, ready to take up the work. A lady having a knowledge of music would be very useful here, provided she possessed good practical common sense also. Music alone is not a sufficient recommendation, as we have reason to know. We do greatly need some one who can play the organ or piano, to give variety to the exercises and interest the children. If she knew French, so much the better, but this is not essential now. I wish I could tell you how highly we appreciate our nice, comfortable Home, and how grateful we are to the dear ladies at home for all the comfort it affords us."

These two ladies, who care for the interests of this Society there, are genuine, unselfish, conscientious "laborers"—counting not "their own lives too dear" to give to and for this work.

Mrs. Turney has not been in Rosario for several months. The state of her health demanded absolute rest as the only hope for her ultimate recovery. She was planning to come home when she had an application to go into a Normal School in Cordova, to teach writing, three hours a day. She was slowly improving in strength, and hoping to do more work for the Master in

South America. The conflict between the "Clergy" and the Liberals is still raging, and there exists a very strong conviction that this question will be settled by the separation of "Church and State."

MONTEVIDEO.

Missionary—MISS C. GUELFI.

Miss Guelfi writes of her work most encouragingly. She says: "The schools that have been under my direction during the past few months have continued to prosper in all things, and in some of them notably. The attendance of the pupils, which, according to the last report was 159, has grown to 236, an increase of 77 in the last few months. This is undoubtedly due in part to the religious character of our schools in the midst of this Catholic population. This brings at the same time a corresponding increase in the receipts of the schools. This result is confirming our hopes of each school, sooner or later, being able to cover its own expenses. In proof of this last statement, in the two months, April and May, we present the following statement, showing the proportion with which each school has contributed to their own expenses :

School No. 2.....	55 per cent.
School No. 3.....	37 "
School No. 4.....	36 "

"The actual appropriation of each one of them corresponds to a calculation made, so that without the necessity of much increase in such appropriation each school might admit a sufficient number of pupils to cover all its monthly expenses. Our increase may not be so large as for the last few months, but it will be none the less certain. With respect to the religious part of our work, I would say, though not as great as that of the numbers just given, it is none the less real. For natural and logical reasons, the masses that are being educated in our schools, moving in and breathing this atmosphere of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, will slowly, but surely, give a generation of Christian mothers—who will know, a little later, how to lead their own children to the fountain where they drank 'the truth that made them free.'

"That this work is providential and under the Divine benediction, there can be no doubt. I take great satisfaction in the duties of my work, which each day are increasingly important. But what would become of my schools—or what could I do alone—if I did not count on the valiant co-operation of my co-laborers? There are already eight girls, from the ages of 15 to 20 years, full of zeal, interest and love for the work to which they consecrate most of their time, and in which they show forth all the beautiful qualities they possess."

Owing to the difficulty of securing a suitable room, the school appropriated for on the "West side of the city" had not been opened. Thirty pupils had given their names to enter as soon as accommodations could be provided. And two other schools estimated for had not been opened for the same reason.

BUENOS AYRES.

Missionary—MISS J. GOODENOUGH.

A little more than four years ago, some of the Sunday-school scholars of the poorer class asked the missionary in Buenos Ayres to teach them every day. They were gathered into one little room for this purpose, and when that was full to overflowing, the Lord put it into the heart of Mr. Fletcher, who was living out on the "pampas," several miles from the city, to come "in town" to seek missionary work. He was a member of the Anglican church, but was greatly impressed with the genuine missionary character of *this* work for the "poor," and he immediately devoted his head, heart and purse to it. He hired a house of six rooms, and when that became too small, he found one with seventeen rooms.

The boys in this school were taught various branches of industry, such as printing, telegraphing, shoemaking, and these required so much room that the girls' school was in the way, and it was decided to remove it. In August, 1883, a stirring appeal was received from Mrs. Thomson, wife of Rev. J. F. Thomson, resident Missionary there, for our Society to assume the support of this school, and she writes: "So fully am I convinced that the Lord intends us to make this appeal to you that I shall not allow myself to doubt for one moment but that He will also incline you to grant it."

The results of the first three years of the school were wonderful. Entire families were brought to Christ through its influence. Out of it grew a religious paper, taken and read in scores of families. Hundreds of people have been led to read the Bible. In a prayer-meeting—held weekly for the little girls—these children, in the most touching manner, pray for their own conversion and that of their parents.

After the division of the school, a very urgent request was sent to Miss Goodenough, who had gone to Cordova to teach in a small Anglican school—to come and take charge of the Girls' School—which she did.

At our last General Executive Committee Meeting our Society assumed the support of this work, to be known as the "Girls' Evangelical School"—making an appropriation of \$2,190.00. Rents are scarce and very high, but a large, old-fashioned structure was secured at about half price. Miss Goodenough, by sub-letting some of the rooms, has managed to keep within the amount asked for in the estimates forwarded. This work has had a remarkable history. Miss Goodenough says: "We have now laid the foundation for a 'center' to this work; this should be a kind of mother-school. Branches are needed in various parts of this large city, for it would not be possible to gather in here the half who would attend. Were we now to remove from this locality, it would be to abandon all these people who have been the support and defense of our mission during the hardships and perils of the past—and these children, who have been gathered in—either to return to the darkness from which they came, or to attend schools under Catholic influence."

The school opened in January with 40 pupils; 50 the second day, and March 2d the school register says 90. The girls have greatly improved since their removal to the new location, comparing favorably in appearance with any of the city schools. Reading, writing, grammar, arithmetic, Argentine history, geography, and English are taught, besides singing, sewing and the Bible. The older scholars study the latter with much eagerness. Nearly all these children go to the Sabbath school. The assistant employed understands the Spanish language, and succeeds very well with the children.

This work promises large returns in uplifting and Christianizing the children taught and cared for, and through them many of the parents are reached and saved. Miss Goodenough visits among the sick and destitute, and her labors are most highly appreciated in the mission.

MEXICO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS HASTINGS,
MISS LATIMER,

MISS WARNER,
MISS LE HURAY,

MISS SWANEY,
MISS LOYD.

The Orphanage in the City of Mexico always attracts our first inquiries when this country is under consideration. Miss Le Huray, sent last March by the New York Branch, has been, until a few weeks since, the only American lady in this institution since Miss Hugoboom left, in April. She has made a most satisfactory impression on the school, and though previously unused to teaching, except in Sunday School, has won the hearts of the girls, and the school has greatly improved under her care. She has taught the first grade girls in both English and Spanish, and much of her time has been occupied in giving music lessons. She writes that the older girls would do credit to any Orphanage, and a bond of friendship has been established between them and herself that she trusts will increase. At present there are in the Home twenty-eight orphans, eight boarding pupils, and thirty-five day scholars, over seventy girls, to be taught and cared for. The primary department is under the care of Miss Wilson, a young lady native, who was educated in the United States, and who exerts a decidedly Christian influence in the school. Miss Loyd, of the Philadelphia Branch, left in September, with Rev. and Mrs. Butler, on their return to Mexico. She has entered upon her work in the Orphanage with love and a consecrated heart.

The Home is comfortably furnished, and the school-room compares favorably with one of its size in the States, and has a fine organ. The patio is well filled with pretty plants, and Miss Le Huray says everything has a cheerful, sunny and home-like air.

Miraflores is a small factory town of about 1,000 inhabitants. A greatly needed new school house is now in process of construction, which will afford accommodation for the increasing school. At present, in one large school-

room, where the girls are separated from the boys by a curtain, there are 175 pupils, the majority of them being from Roman Catholic families. The great want for this place, as well as for several others mentioned in this report, is a lady missionary, who will give her whole time to the school, and thus prevent the constant change of teachers, now necessary because of the employment of imperfectly trained native women.

There is a school of about fifteen scholars at Orizaba, said to be in a flourishing condition, taught by Mrs. Loza, the wife of the native pastor.

A year and a half ago the school opened at Queretaro with seven girls; since that time twenty have been enrolled, but many of these have been lost through removals and persecution. The children are nearly all from very poor Roman Catholic families, and it is distressing, many times, to see to what extremes of poverty they are reduced. They live in dark, dingy rooms, without any home comforts, and nothing in their childish lives to bring their little minds into activity, nor later in life to develop their intellect or stir their ambition. The little school-room, with its comfortable desks, and walls hung with bright colored maps, the large court-yard and garden where they play, is such a happy contrast to their own gloomy homes and small yards, that they are always sorry when vacation comes. They take great interest in their sewing, and are doing nicely. When Miss Swaney was obliged to leave Queretaro for Puebla, Mrs. Greenman took the charge of the school as far as she was able, giving four hours in the morning, and leaving it in the charge of the sewing teacher in the afternoon. Very recently one of the older girls from the Orphanage has been sent here to take charge of the school. This is the first one who has entered our work in this capacity, though some others have married native pastors, and are helping their husbands in disseminating religious truth. The work in Queretaro has always suffered from the religious fanaticism of the inhabitants, and this year persecution has been unusually severe and determined, and has increased through all this portion of Mexico. The faith of our missionaries, though tried, has not failed; they know that with persevering effort the day will come when Jesus, and not Mary, will be acknowledged Saviour. Miss Warner's health being very much broken, she returned home for a rest of a few months, and Miss Swaney took her place in Puebla. This school, built up by three years' of hard work by Miss Warner, takes a first-class position, attracting scholars from a better class of citizens than is usually found in our mission schools, and largely from Romish families. It has been remarkable for its good order and discipline, and has lost none of its prestige under Miss Swaney's care, ten new scholars having come in since she had charge, and at present there is an attendance of fifty girls. This work is greatly in need of the larger accommodations asked for in the estimates.

The Bible woman in Puebla, Mrs. Lozada, has visited forty-seven different families in the year, and besides giving what religious instruction will be received, exerts her influence to induce attendance on our religious services, for even those who have united with the church have very little idea of the

duties incumbent upon such a profession. The fear of persecution deters many, lest they should lose business and friends by appearing to believe in Protestantism.

In Pachuca Miss Hastings's school has done as good work as ever before. She has had the assistance of Miss Latimer, who, in January, joined our mission. The older girls have studied algebra, history, physiology, botany, English, and music; and some are translating tracts on temperance into Spanish. Considerable time is spent in teaching sewing, as that is a necessity among a class of people who know little about making clothes. The girls have made many garments the past year, which have helped make the poorer ones presentable for school and church. Several of the scholars attend the girls' class and prayer meetings. Every week, and sometimes oftener, a prayer meeting is held in the Mission Home, which, at times, has hardly been large enough to contain the people. Several of the women attending our church in Pachuca have died within the year, trusting in Jesus Christ as they have learned of Him through reading the Scriptures. We have also lost the most intelligent and enthusiastic of our Bible women, who, through a long period of extreme debility and pain, rested her soul upon Christ, and took great comfort in His words.

Mr. Kemble writes that the school in Leon opened promisingly last year, and for some months progressed rapidly; but the native pastor, who had been a careful, pains-taking teacher, was removed to another appointment at the annual meeting, and his successor, being in very infirm health, was not able to look after the school, and it very soon ran down; and as the lady teacher married, it was closed.

The schools at Real del Monte and at El Chico were started, but great difficulties were in the way; impossibility to secure suitable accommodations, the illness of the teacher, and other obstacles interfering, these schools were closed until a more favorable opening should be presented. There are encouraging signs of future success in Mexico, and if the seeds of truth are scattered faithfully, the harvest will surely come. God's word shall not return unto Him void, but shall accomplish that which He pleases, and shall prosper in the thing whereunto He sent it.

FOREIGN SUMMARY.

	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Med. workers and B. women.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils in Board- ing Schools.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	In Orphanages.	Zenanas vis- ited.	Women under instruction.	Hospitals and Dispensaries.	Women treated.	Inmates Home for Friendless.
India	23	28	128	13	608	160	3,646	325	19,072	3,884	4	16,388	31
China	12	....	12	3	60	36	600	....	....	45	4	12,000	....
Japan	11	....	5	3	190	4	210	....	....	200	1	....	....
Bulgaria ...	1	....	....	1	15	1	20	....	....	....	....	....	....
Italy .....	....	....	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
S. America ..	4	1	....	1	25	5	356	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mexico.....	6	3	6	1	....	7	290	70	....	40	....	....	....
	57	32	164	22	898	213	5,122	395	19,072	4,169	9	28,388	31

TREASURER.	ADDRESS.	ROUTE.	MAILS LEAVE.	POST'GE.	NEWSPR POSTAGE.
Louisa E. Blackmar.....	Lucknow, India.....	Via Brindisi.....	England, every Friday.....	5c ½ oz.	2c ea. 4 oz.
Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Sigourney Trask, M. D.	Foochow, China.....	" San Francisco	San Francisco, 1st & 15th ea. mo.	5c	2c
Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin Kiang, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Frances Wheeler.....	Chung King, China.....	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Mrs. J. C. Jackson.....	Wuhu, China.....	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokio, Japan, 14 Akas-hi-cho	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Carrie M. Van Patten..	Yokohama, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Mrs. Rev. L. M. Vernon	126 Via Sistina, Rome, Italy	" England.....	New York, daily.....	5c	2c
Linna Schenck.....	Luftcha, Bulgaria.....	" ".....	New York, weekly.....	5c	2c
Rev. T. B. Wood.....	Montevideo, So. America...	" ".....	New York, 3d of each month	5c	2c
Jennie M. Chapin.....	Rosario, ".....	" ".....	Boston and New York, daily	5c	2c
Julia E. Goodenough....	Buenos Ayres, ".....	" ".....	" ".....	5c	2c
Mary D. Loyd.....	City of Mexico.....	.....	By steamship, N. Y., ev. Thurs.	5c	2c
Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, ".....	.....	" ".....	5c	2c

RECEIPTS OF SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

From March, 1869, to April, 1870.....	\$4,546 86
" April 1, 1870, to April 1, 1871.....	22,397 99
" " 1871, to " 1872.....	44,477 46
" " 1872, to " 1873.....	54,834 87
" " 1873, to " 1874.....	64,309 25
" " 1874, to " 1875.....	61,492 19
" " 1875, to Feb. 10, 1876.....	55,276 06
" Feb. 10, 1876, to " 1877.....	72,464 30
" " 1877, to " 1878.....	68,063 52
" " 1878, to " 1879.....	66,843 69
" " 1879, to " 1880.....	76,276 43
" " 1880, to " 1881.....	107,932 45
" " 1881, to Oct. 1, 1882.....	195,678 50
" Oct. 1, 1882, to " 1883.....	126,823 33
" " 1883, to " 1884.....	143,199 14
Total receipts from March, 1869, to October 1, 1884.....	\$1,162,618 04

Total receipts for Zenana Paper for year ending October 1, 1884..... 12,600 36

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINT'Y	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869.....	Miss Isabella Thoburn.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	St. Clairsville, Ohio.
1869.....	" Clara A. Swain, M. D.	Bareilly, ".....	New England..	Castile, N. Y.
1870.....	" Fannie J. Sparkes.....	".....	New York.....	Binghampton, N. Y.
1872.....	" Gertrude Howe.....	Chung King, China.....	Northwestern	Lausling, Michigan.
1872.....	" Lucy H. Hoag.....	Chin-kiang, ".....	New York.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872.....	" Lou E. Blackmar.....	Lucknow, India.....	Des Moines.....	West Springfield, Pa.
1874.....	" Susan M. Warner.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	New Orleans, La.
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, ".....	New York.....	Blanford, Mass.
1874.....	" Jennie M. Chapin.....	Rosario, South America.....	New England..	Chicopee, Mass.
1874.....	" Lou B. Denning.....	".....	Northwestern.	Normal, Illinois.
1874.....	" Sigourney Trask, M. D.	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Spring Creek, Pa.
1878.....	" Mary F. Swaney.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Baltimore.....	New Brighton, Pa.
1878.....	" S. A. Easton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokio, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Germantown, Pa.
1878.....	" M. J. Holbrook.....	Home on leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Calcutta, India.....	Baltimore.....	Wilmington, Del.
1878.....	" Clara M. Cushman.....	Home on leave.....	New England..	Fisherville, N. H.
1878.....	" Cecelia Guelph.....	Monterideo, South America.....	Northwestern.	Montevideo, S. A.
1879.....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Keyser, West Va.
1879.....	" Jennie M. Gheer.....	".....	New York.....	Altoona, Pa.
1880.....	" Julia E. Goodenough.....	Buenos Ayres, South America.....	Northwestern.	Flint, Michigan.
1880.....	" Luella Kelley.....	Bareilly, India.....	Baltimore.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
1880.....	" Florence E. Nickerson.....	Lucknow, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Clyde, Ohio.
1880.....	" Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	".....	Bucyrus, Ohio.
1880.....	" Annie Budden.....	Home on leave.....	Des Moines.....	India.
1880.....	" Elizabeth Yates.....	Peking, China.....	New England..	Maine.
1881.....	" Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	New York.....	New York.
1881.....	Mrs. Carrie Van Pelten.....	Tokio, ".....	Northwestern.	Albion, Michigan.
1881.....	Miss Ellen Warner.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, Ohio.
1881.....	" Emma S. Knowles.....	Naini Tal, India.....	New England..	Newark, New Jersey.

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

APPOINT'G	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1881.....	Miss Harriet Kerr.....	Bijnour, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1881.....	" Phoebe Rowe.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	Northwestern.....	India.
1881.....	" Frances J. Wheeler.....	Chung King, China.....	".....	Chicago, Illinois.
1882.....	" Estella Akers, M. D.....	Tientsin, ".....	New England.....	Bath, Maine.
1882.....	" Anna P. Atkinson.....	Tokio, Japan.....	New York.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1882.....	" Emma J. Benton.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	New England.....	Niantic, Connecticut.
1882.....	" Esther J. De Vine.....	Moradabad, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Marietta, Ohio.
1883.....	Mrs Charlotte M. Jewell.....	Peking, China.....	New York.....	Fort Jones, Cal.
1883.....	Miss Rebecca J. Watson.....	Tokio, Japan.....	Topeka.....	
1883.....	" Laura Hyde, M. D.....	Cawnpore, India.....	New York.....	Clifton Springs, N. Y.
1883.....	" Mary McKesson.....	Rangoon, Burmah.....	Des Moines.....	Berea, Ohio.
1883.....	" Emma J. Everding.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1883.....	" Florence N. Hamisfar, M. D.....	Hakodati, ".....	Topeka.....	Oswego, Kansas.
1884.....	" Ella J. Hewett.....	".....	Philadelphia.....	Gilead, Mich.
1884.....	" Emily L. Harvey.....	Cawnpore, India.....	New England.....	South Barton, Vt.
1884.....	" Mary Christianity, M. D.....	Moradabad, ".....	".....	Washington, D. C.
1884.....	" Fanny M. English.....	North India.....	New York.....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey.....	".....	".....	Rome, N. Y.
1884.....	" Margaret C. Hedrick.....	Calcutta, India.....	".....	South Charleston, O.
1884.....	" Sarah De Line.....	Bombay, ".....	Northwestern.....	Aurora, Illinois.
1884.....	" Mary Reed.....	North India.....	Cincinnati.....	Crooked Tree, Ohio.
1884.....	" Hettie Mansell.....	".....	".....	Delaware, Ohio.
1884.....	" Catharine Cary, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern.....	Michigan, Ohio.
1884.....	" Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin-kiang ".....	".....	Michigan, Ohio.
1884.....	" Carrie I. Jewell.....	Foochow, ".....	Cincinnati.....	Harmar, Ohio.
1884.....	" Lizzie M. Fisher.....	".....	".....	London, Ohio.
1884.....	" Eleanor Le Huray.....	City of Mexico, Mexico.....	New York.....	Summit, New Jersey.
1884.....	" Mary D. Loyd.....	".....	Philadelphia.....	Hillsboro, Ohio.
1884.....	" L. M. Latimer.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	New England.....	Chicago, Illinois.
1884.....	" Linna Schenck.....	Lofitcha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern.....	Muskegan, Mich.

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

UNDER APPOINTMENT TO COREA.

Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	N. Eng. and N. Y.	Cleveland, O.
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ACCEPTED, BUT NOT APPOINTED.

Miss Theresa J. Kyle.....	Philadelphia.....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
" Mary C. Elliott.....	New York.....	Martinsville, N. J.
" Mina J. Bartlett.....	Cincinnati.....	Strongsville, O.
" Mary J. Elliott.....	".....	Williamsfield, O.
" Julia Bonafield.....	".....	Tunnelton, W. Va.
" Rebecca Green.....	New York.....	Fredonia, N. Y.
" E. M. Hall.....	".....	".....

RESIGNED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.

1858.....	Miss Beulah Woolston.....	Trenton, N. J.
1858.....	" Sarah Woolston.....	"

MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE RETURNED ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH, AND WHOSE RETURN IS UNCERTAIN.

APPOINTED	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
1878.....	Miss M. E. Priest.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	New York.....	Auburn, N. Y.
1878.....	" Eugenia Gibson.....	Lucknow, India.....	".....	Albany, N. Y.
1878.....	" Clara L. Mulliner.....	Mexico City.....	".....	Camden, N. J.
1879.....	" Kate C. Bushnell.....	Kiu King, China.....	Northwestern.....	Denver, Col.
1879.....	" Delia Howe.....	".....	Philadelphia.....	Lansing, Mich.
1879.....	Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens.....	Rosario, South America.....	Northwestern.....	Metropolis, Ill.

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Continued.

FORMERLY EMPLOYED.		ENTERED INTO REST.	
APPOINT' T	MISSIONARIES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
1871.....	Miss Carrie McMillan.....	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Almna, India.....	Parent Society.
1871.....	" Maria Brown.....	" Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking China.....	" "
1871.....	" Jennie Tinsley.....	" Rev. J. W. Waugh, Lucknow, India.....	" "
1873.....	" S. F. Leaning (Mrs. Shepherd).....	Health failed. Returned to U. S. May, 1874.....	Parent Society.
1873.....	" Nannie Monelle, M.D.....	Mrs. H. Mansell, Bareilly, India.....	" "
1873.....	" Lucinda L. Coombs, M.D.....	" Rev. A. Strittmater, Ironton, Ohio.....	Parent Society.
1874.....	" Letitia Mason, M.D. (Mrs. Quinn).....	Health failed. Returned to U. S. Aug, 1876.....	" "
1874.....	" Anna Julia Lore.....	Mrs. Rev. G. H. McGrew, Kingard, W. Va.....	Parent Society.
1874.....	" D. E. Shoonmaker.....	" Dora S. Soper, Chicago, Illinois.....	" "
1876.....	" Mary C. Cary.....	" Frank Davis.....	Parent Society.
1876.....	" Olive Whiting.....	" Rev. C. Bishop, Tokio, Japan.....	" "
1872.....	" L. M. Pullz.....	Health failed. Returned 1877.....	" "
1876.....	" Nettie C. Ogden.....	Santiago, South America.....	Taylor's Work.
1871.....	" M. L. Porter.....	Mrs. Rev. Gamewell, Chung King, W. China.....	Parent Society.
1878.....	" Margaret Elliott.....	Married in 1883.....	" "
1880.....	" Kate Woodworth.....	Married in 1883.....	" "
1881.....	" E. I. Hoy.....	Mrs. Lawson, Seetapore, India.....	Parent Society.
1879.....	" Mary Sharp.....	Recalled.....	" "
1877.....	" Laura Howard, M.D.....	Married in 1884.....	" "
1878.....	" Julia A. Sparr, M.D.....	Married in 1884.....	" "
1883.....	" M. Hugoboom.....	Married in 1884.....	" "
ENTERED INTO REST.			
1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....		Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....		" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" Lucilla H. Green, M.D.....		" September 30, '78.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....		" December 11, '81.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M.D.....		" April 23, 1884.

REPORT OF HOME WORK.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

Includes East Maine, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New England, New England Southern, with portions of Troy, New York and New York East Conferences, with headquarters at Boston.

OFFICERS.

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<i>Rec. Sec'y</i> ...	MISS C. A. RICHARDSON.....Malden, "
<i>Treasurer</i> ..	MRS. J. P. MAGEE....." "

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>East Maine</i>	MRS. E. A. HELMERSHAUSEN.....Bangor, Maine.
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<i>New Hampshire</i>	" M. S. JUDKINS.....Bristol, N. H.
<i>Vermont</i>	" L. S. GUERNSEY.....Rutland, Vt.
<i>Troy</i>	" JOSEPH HILLMAN.....Troy, N. Y.
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<i>New Eng. Southern</i> ..	" M. C. JAMES.....Danielsonville, Conn.
<i>N. Y. E. (Wm. Conn.)</i>	" B. G. LOWREY.....805 Broadway, New York.
<i>New York</i>	" B. N. CHANDLER.....Ocean Grove, N. Y.

The year just closed has not been characterized by any very marked changes in methods of work, in numbers added, or visible results achieved on any one line, but progress has been made. Not a few have become convinced of privilege—some of duty—in regard to personal relation to this work and consequent responsibility, and with anxious heart have sent heavenward the cry: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do!" and earthward, into the ears of "those women" who are doing this important work, which must otherwise be left undone, "How can I help?" Increased spirituality and zeal has been evinced in a growing desire for missionary intelligence among the members of our Auxiliaries, and a stronger conviction of duty.

The action of the General Conference, touching the relations and privileges of our Society, has been exerting a helpful, inspiring effect—quiet but all-pervading.

More and more have we come to be recognized as a component part of church agencies.

Many of the pastors, hitherto only nominally recognizing our "right to be," are inviting us to "come and organize" in the church over which they

extend pastoral supervision, convinced that this will assist in developing and strengthening Christian life and growth in the church.

Conference and Camp-meeting Anniversaries, as well as District Conventions, have been centers of strength and inspiration, infusing new life and vitality to the whole Branch.

Some of these occasions have been signally favored with the manifestations of Divine power.

The Young Ladies' Societies and Mission Bands have been growing in popularity and influence. Several have been formed during the year, but as some are considered a part of the Auxiliary, we are not able to give the entire number.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker have been "in labors more abundant," as they have gone "in and out" through all our borders, helping to arouse and intensify missionary zeal and fervor. It can be said most truthfully of these faithful workers, they consulted not their own ease, but the interests of His cause, world-wide, was the one all-absorbing claim everywhere and at all times.

Then Mrs. Butler, as she takes her place among the home-workers again, seems to "have renewed her youth," and, with an increase of holy energy, is putting her hand to the work as never before.

Miss Cushman, too, has been hurrying from place to place, declaring if she could be in two places at once, she could not meet the demands.

We have sent two missionaries to India. Miss Harvey, from Vermont who sailed April 5th, arriving in Cawnpore in the intense heat of the 22d of May! But the time must have been in "Divine plan," as well as the "call" to her. Miss Easton was on the "ragged edge" of utter prostration—numbers of the pupils of the school were sick. But our practical New England girl proved herself equal to the emergency; in the school, the family, the sick-room, everywhere, has she made "full proof of her calling."

Dr. Christiancy, too, whose destination as a medical missionary was uncertain for several months, is on the way to India, her chosen field of toil, and we trust will be abundantly useful.

Miss Latimer, of Pachuca, Mexico, has been assumed, and is doing excellent service—associated with Miss Hastings in both school and Evangelistic work. Our financial obligations have all been met, but we fall short of raising the amount pledged at the commencement of the year.

We shall fill our \$2,423.58 quota for the Zenana paper fund, but may claim an extension of time in paying over the entire sum required.

At our Branch Annual Meeting an effort was made to ascertain if the raising of funds for this paper had lessened contributions for the "Branch treasury." The unanimous verdict, as far as expressed, was "Not at all."

Missionary letters have been placed in the hands of a committee, who have hektographed very many of them, and scattered them among the Auxiliaries. We hope to make this agency a growing power in our home work.

The Mite Box Committee has done good work toward putting these silent little collectors into ever Methodist family; 2,420 having gone out during the year. We are happy to announce quite a "revival" in this line.

Twelve hundred Branch annual reports, and 475 of the general reports, have been scattered; 135,590 pages of leaflets, including the Zenana paper circulars, have been received, and most of them distributed.

The Heathen Woman's Friend has a circulation of 3,144, or thirty-three per cent. of our membership.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	36 new ones	398
Members.....		10,568
Life Members.....	58 new ones	861
Honorary Managers.....	1 " one	33
Life Patrons.....		10
Conference Secretaries.....	9 new ones	9
District Secretaries.....		31
Subscribers to H. W. F.....		3,144
Pages of Leaflets.....		135,590
Annual Reports of W. F. M. S.....		475
Annual Reports of New England Branch.....		1,200
Mite Boxes.....		2,420

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	10
Assistants.....	5
Medical Assistants.....	3
Matrons.....	3
Bible Women.....	32
Pupils in Boarding Schools and Scholarships.....	108
Orphans.....	34
Toward Rent and New Buildings.....	4,578

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1883—Balance in treasury.....	\$ 3,477 33
Received from October 1, 1883, to October 1, 1884.....	17,261 86
Total.....	\$20,739 19
Disbursements.....	\$19,400 74
Balance on hand.....	1,338 45
	\$20,739 19

AMOUNTS BY CONFERENCES.

East Maine Conference.....	\$ 188 11
Maine Conference.....	1,053 60
New Hampshire Conference.....	1,708 36
Vermont Conference.....	1,760 44
Troy Conference.....	422 36
New England Conference.....	6,407 66
New England Southern Conference.....	2,534 83
New York East Conference.....	1,998 31
New York Conference.....	
Total.....	\$16,063 67
Zenana Paper Fund.....	\$ 2,400 00

The Executive Committee of New England Branch meets at 36 Bromfield street, Boston, at 11 A. M., the 2d Wednesday each month.

NEW YORK BRANCH.

Includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters at New York City.

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<i>Treasurer</i>	" J. M. CORNELL.....	141 Centre street, New York.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

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<i>Northern N. Y.</i>	" GEORGE GOODIER, 83 E. Eighth st.,	Oswego, "
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	" { J. T. GRACEY.....	Rochester, "
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<i>Wyoming Confer</i> ...	MRS. D. C. OLMSTEAD.....	Oneonta, "
<i>Newark</i> " " "	" J. H. KNOWLES.....	Madison, N. J.
<i>New Jersey, " " "</i>	" R. T. LORE.....	Summit, "

The wise man says: "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." We confess to a little of this experience, when we have to acknowledge that a large majority of the Methodist women in this Branch are not actively interested in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and many of the churches are still unorganized. There has, however, been much faithful, laborious work done during the year. The work of the Branch is generally well organized. We have no large donations or bequests to report, but we believe there is a steady growth in the missionary sentiment of the church, especially in the department of woman's work. The two-cents-a-week plan and the mite boxes, so largely distributed, secure the regular contributions, and upon these we depend for quarterly payments to the foreign field. At our annual meeting last year, the amount for which the Branch was pledged was increased from \$25,000 to \$31,000. We regret to report that the extra amount has not all been raised. As we started the year with a balance, and with some unusual amounts in the foreign treasuries, we have been able to meet all our appropriations, as well as some extra demands made upon the treasury, so that we are not in debt. In looking over the past year in home work, we see much to regret in opportunities lost. It is, however, not all darkness. In some respects, this has been the brightest year we have ever known. The increase in district associations, the multiplication of bands, gleaners, harvesters, willing workers, helpers, young women's societies, the enthusiasm in the camp-meeting anniversaries, especially the large meeting held at Ocean Grove, with its myriad avenues of influence, touching hearts that are closed to every other source,

these, with many others, are causes for great rejoicing. We are glad to report that the *Heathen Woman's Friend* has increased its circulation, and we wish that every woman in the church could know how much pleasure she would gain by the investment of fifty cents in that missionary paper. The leaflets are of untold advantage, and surely few people have read Mrs. Pickett's *Mite Box* without the heart's quick response, "What shall I render unto God for all His benefits."

Some of our auxiliaries have fallen asleep, but others, newly organized, have taken their places, so that we report quite an increase this year. The machinery is all in good working order, but more than ever are we convinced that our strength has been and is in God, and all permanent growth or success in the work lies in the oneness of the worker with the Lord Jesus—the being baptized into the same spirit of love and sacrifice that characterized the Blessed Master, who went about doing good, and whose enemies acknowledged he saved others—not himself. This spirit of self sacrifice has been manifested in the large number of candidates offering for the foreign field. Since the 21st of last October about twenty ladies have gone to foreign lands; of these seven have been sent by the New York Branch. Four of these went to India; two to China; one to Mexico. We trust the prayers of large numbers of women are offered daily, that this large reinforcement of workers may gather many sheaves for the Master—that the joy of the Lord may be their strength.

We are looking and longing for the day when the women of the Christian Church shall be so filled with the spirit of missions that all the churches will be missionary founts, and to be a member of the church will be a pledge to disciple the world for Jesus.

The New York Branch supports work in India, China, Japan, Mexico, South America, Italy, and Bulgaria.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxillaries, including 43 "Young Ladies' Bands".....	99	increase	661
Members	2,583	"	22,029
Life Members.....	73	"	981
Honorary Managers.....	3	"	58
Honorary Patrons.....			11
Mite Boxes distributed.....			1,500
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	658	increase	3,651

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries, 3 of them medical.....	13
Assistants.....	4
Bible Women.....	31
Orphans.....	99
Scholarships.....	34
Day Schools.....	40
Teachers.....	40

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1883.....	\$ 9,016 28
Received during year.....	25,292 88
Total.....	<u>\$34,309 16</u>
Expenditures.....	\$26,745 39
Balance on hand.....	<u>7,563 77</u>
	\$34,309 16
Zenana Paper Fund.....	1,408 09

Branch Executive Committee meeting, at 805 Broadway, the 3d Thursday of the month, at 11 A. M.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Includes Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters at Philadelphia

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In reviewing the work of the Philadelphia Branch for the past year, the words of Scripture come into remembrance, when Nehemiah said: "So we built the wall—for the people had a mind to work." This mind to work has been increasing among the women in this Branch, and, by their prayers and work and gifts, they are gathering living stones for the Holy Temple that is being builded for an habitation of God through the Spirit. At annual and District meetings there is earnest inquiry for the best methods of bringing this cause to the ear and conscience of every woman in the Church, and papers that treat of practical plans are eagerly sought after and listened to. Reports from all the Conferences show activity and increasing interest. Though we are not yet able to name a secretary for every District, those who do hold this office, in both Conferences and Districts, have worked with zeal, intelligence and perseverance. Every Conference and camp-meeting anniversary held this year has been attended by large and enthusiastic audiences, and followed by a greater accession of members, and a quickening in all neighboring Auxil-

aries. We find that the action of the last General Conference, in so fully endorsing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, has placed the work on a firmer foundation in the minds of both ministry and laity.

The all-day meeting held in Philadelphia during the session of the recent General Conference, made so memorable because of the presence of those Missionaries who had first shown to Methodist women how they could give the Gospel to their heathen sisters, gave a fresh impetus to the cause. The presence and labors of Miss Spencer, who visited many of the Societies, and gave such graphic descriptions of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the Tokio school and elsewhere, was another one of the stimulants that has enabled us to report a larger sum of money paid into the treasury, more Auxiliaries organized, and a greater number of life-members made than in any previous year of our history. Fifty-five new Auxiliaries have been formed during the year, but there has been a careful culling out of all names of Societies on the books that are not in active service, so that our net increase is not equal to the new work done. The desire to form Young Ladies' Bands is so universal and eager that we cannot but look upon it as a providential indication of the successful future before the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Fifteen new bands have taken their place among us this year, and they are all generally conducted with as much energy and system as those officered by mature women. The Branch has sent two new Missionaries into the field this year, and returned Miss Spencer to Tokio. Miss Ella J. Hewett accompanied the Missionary party that sailed from San Francisco October 7th, and goes to assist Miss Hampton in the school at Hakodati, Japan. Miss Mary D. Loyd went in September, with Rev. and Mrs. Butler, on their return to Mexico, where already she has entered upon the care of the Orphanage, as the companion of Miss Le Huray. It is with very sincere regret that the Branch has been unable to meet one item in its appropriations, but we failed to find a lady in every way suitable for India who was ready to go this year.

Throughout the Branch a greater interest than could have been looked for has been taken in the establishment of the Zenana Paper for the women of India. One lady gave \$1,000, and almost every Society has sent its contribution. We report \$2,655.93 given to this fund.

The amount has been raised by various ingenious devices, and the Lord has blessed the giving. The Branch has received two bequests this year—\$2,000 from Mrs. Mary Bayard, of Pittsburg Conference, and \$100 from the estate of Mrs. Rev. Griffith, of Philadelphia Conference; also a centennial offering of \$500 from Mr. Wright, of Clearfield County, Pa.

At the last General Executive meeting, Philadelphia Branch was granted permission to provide for the education of King Eng, a Christian native Chinese girl, who had been recommended by Miss Trask to receive a course of medical instruction in America. It was necessary that Miss Hu should take a liberal English course before commencing her medical studies. This gives the prospect of her being under our care in this country for eight or ten years.

The amount requisite for this has been subscribed outside all missionary contributions that otherwise would have come into our treasury. Miss Hu is now at the Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, and is making very rapid progress in her English studies, and her piety and refinement endear her to all her associates. At the close of this year we offer praise to Him who has shown us His favor, and would say,

“Lord, if I may,
I'll work another day.”

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	32 increase	332
Members	1,759 “	11,359
Life Members	55 “	302
Honorary Managers		20
Honorary Patrons	1 increase	3
Subscribers to H. W. F.	262 “	1,997
Mite Boxes Distributed		1,236
Christmas Boxes Sent (India, 2; Japan, 1; Mexico, 1.)		4

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	4
Teachers	8
Bible Women	6
Matrons	1
Day Schools	21
Scholarships	32
Orphan s	27

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1883.....	\$ 5,678 20
Receipts to September 25, 1884	16,875 53
Total	<u>\$22,553 73</u>
Disbursements.....	<u>\$13,985 68</u>
Cash balance on hand September 25, 1884.	\$ 8,568 05

AMOUNTS BY CONFERENCES.

Central Pennsylvania.....	\$ 3,607 84
Erie.....	1,384 90
Genessee	66 41
Central New York	95 00
Philadelphia	5,274 21
Pittsburg.....	4,148 08
Wilmington.....	1,914 72
Wyoming	575 57
Miscellaneous Sources	683 36
Zenana Paper Fund.....	2,653 18

Meeting of Branch Executive Committee at 1018 Arch street, at 10:30 A. M., the first Wednesday of the Month.

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

Includes Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. F. A. CROOK	cor. Madison ave. and Townsend St.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	MISS I. HART	176 N. Calvert street
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	MRS. DR. C. MORGAN	Calverton, Baltimore Co.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" M. G. HAMILTON	234 W. Fayette street.

CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

<i>Wilmington (frac.)</i>	MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 1221 Market St.,	Wilmington, Del.
<i>Virginia Conference</i>		
<i>Washington</i> "		
<i>Baltimore</i> "		
<i>Baltimore District</i>	MRS. H. C. TUDOR	Waverly, Baltimore Co.
<i>E. Baltimore</i> "	S. M. HARTSOCK	99 Mulberry street.
<i>W.</i> " "	E. H. FOWLER	34 Warren ave., Baltimore.
<i>Washington</i> "	S. D. LA FETRA	Washington, D. C.
<i>Cumberland</i> "	C. W. BALDWIN	Cumberland, Md.

The Word of the Master with regard to all Christian experience and attainment and work is "*Go forward.*" And yet spiritual processes are so delicate and hidden, and in spiritual work there are so many factors that elude observation and calculation, that progress may be real without being obvious, and growth general without being marked.

We have reason to believe that gauged by those peculiar tests that only unerring wisdom can apply, and weighed by that fine standard that only the Divine Hand can employ, there has been substantial progress in the work and among the workers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society during the year that the latter have come into closer fellowship with the great heart of the Master, in the great work of world-saving; and that the latter therefore has been done more devoutly and earnestly and gladly.

Then, even in the more perceptible evidences of growth, there is some reason for gratitude and congratulation. We report 106 auxiliaries; 4,000 members; 816 subscribers to *Friend*. And the offerings from these auxiliaries, from these members, what they represent of love and thought and sacrifice only He knows who watched the gifts as they were cast into the treasury and weighed them in the balances of the sanctuary. They have fallen from the trembling hand of age and the tiny hands of children; they represent both service and sacrifice; they have been consecrated with prayers, and baptized with tears. But there are springs that have never been touched, hearts that have never been moved, coffers that have never been opened, and we are all praying that through the influence of this meeting these may be reached.

Early in the year, Miss B. Woolston left the Foochow field, and not until towards the close of this could we find one ready to occupy her place, and for her we must acknowledge our obligation to a sister Branch.

On October 7th, Miss Fisher sailed, full of faith and hope and joy for Foochow, but with the war-cloud lowering heavily over that city.

We are glad to note that though there has been a gain in our treasury of \$1,515.20, still the Zenana Paper fund has met with hearty sympathy, and our offerings have been most joyfully made. For all these things we would thank God and take courage.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	\$ increase	100
Members		4,000
Life Members.....		125
Life Managers		21
Subscribers to Friend		816

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	4
Assistants	2
Bible Women	10
Medical Students	3
Scholarships and Orphans	50

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In the Treasury October 10, 1883	\$ 5,974 34
Received during year.....	7,674 98
Total	<u>\$13,649 32</u>
Disbursements	\$0,407 24
Balance on hand	4,242 08
	<u>\$13,640 32</u>
Zenana Paper Fund.....	2,200 55

Branch Executive Meeting, First Thursday in the Month, in the Lecture Room of First M. E. Church.

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

Includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. BISHOP CLARK.....	310 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	" B. R. COWEN	Delaware, Ohio.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	" W. C. HAMILTON.....	Covington, Kentucky.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" WM. B. DAVIS.....	310 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conf.</i>	MRS. J. F. LOYD.....	Hillsboro, Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i> "	" J. H. CREIGHTON.....	Lithopolis, "
<i>Central Ohio Conf.</i> ..	" A. S. CLASON.....	Delaware, "
<i>North Ohio</i> " ..	" H. BENTON...315 Franklin St.,	Cleveland, "
<i>East Ohio</i> " ..	" E. HINGELEY.....	New Philadelphia, "
<i>West Virginia</i> " ..	" T. W. CHIDESTER, Knottsville,	Taylor Co., W. Va.
<i>Kentucky</i> " ..	" G. E. SAVAGE.....	Covington, Ky.

Possibly there has been no time in the fourteen years of our history as a Branch, that a year has compressed as much labor, and patience, and trial of

faith, as the one just closed. Floods and drouth, strikes and hard times, have crippled the energies of thousands. Many, who have heretofore given largely, have only been able to give their mites. Perils have threatened, and peculiar trials have been found in our way, but out of all the Lord hath brought us by His Almighty arm. The burdens have been lightened, the crooked places made straight, in every hour of trial we have found a way of escape, and so anew we would take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. All our obligations have been met, and our aggregate shows a healthy increase over last year. Our Society seems more firmly established, not only in relation to the church at large, but in the hearts of the women, who have found in it a fruitful field of labor, owned and blessed of God. Growth in every department of home work is thankfully recorded. Uniform readings, district conventions, missionary prayer-meetings, are becoming large factors in disseminating intelligence, planning for work, and gaining "the blessing that maketh rich."

The Missionary spirit among the young people continues to increase, not only helping on our Society, but proving a training school in Christian endeavor in many directions. In the various colleges and seminaries in our Branch there is growing up a strong force of workers that promises much in the near future. Nearly one-fifth of our whole receipts are contributed by Young Ladies Societies and Children's Bands. Two thousand annuals and 500 executive reports have been circulated, while 125,000 pages of leaflets have carried many a message as they have been freely distributed through the Branch. Lest we might be tempted to "vaunt ourselves unseemly," we must acknowledge with shame and humility that our subscription list to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* has fallen below that of last year. Various plans have been suggested to remedy this, and another year will doubtless tell a better story. Over \$2,000 has been contributed towards the Zenana paper; not the full proportion for our membership, but the full amount will be made up. At each of the Annual Conferences the cause of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been represented, and most kindly received, while the camp meeting occasions have been marked for great spiritual power, and their influence cannot but be felt in future results. During the year six young ladies from our territory have gone to foreign fields; three sent by sister Branches and three as our own special representatives. We thank God for them, and for the others who are asking for a place to serve. The record of the year would not be complete without mentioning the annual meeting, which was held at Chillicothe, O. It was largely attended, all parts of our territory were represented by those who had borne "the heat and labor of the day," and as they talked of the way the Lord had led them their hearts burned within them, as those of the disciples in days of old. The two days were crowded full of prayer and praise, plans for better work, and the discussion of themes connected with missionary labor. It was a "feast of fat things" that will never be forgotten by any one present. The presence of the Spirit was felt in power; and with thanksgiving for past and present blessings, and solemn, yet joyful reconsecrations, these faithful

servants of God went out to another year of labor in this blessed vineyard. In His name we would "set up our banners," without whose help all labor is ineffectual, and without whose grace all wisdom is folly.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	29	increase	590
Young Ladies' Societies.....	5	"	55
Bands	4	"	72
Life Patrons.			4
Life Managers.....	12	increase	68
Life Members.	100	"	925
Annual Membership	450	"	12,450
Annual Membership Young Ladies' Societies and Bands			3,850
Subscribers to H. W. F			2,622

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	10
East India Zenana Teachers.....	2
Bible Women in India	22
Bible Women in China.....	10
Bible Women in Italy.....	2
Day Schools in India	36
Day Schools in China.....	6
Day Schools in Mexico	1
Scholarships in India.	36
Scholarships in China.....	9
Scholarships in Japan.....	23
Orphans in India	32
Orphans in Mexico.....	5
One boarding school and half support of two others.	
Sent abroad for new buildings.....	\$4,700
Sent abroad for rent, etc.....	1,500
Paid for outfit and passage of 3 missionaries.....	2,080

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year	\$ 5,863 59
Receipts for present year.....	21,138 74
Total.....	\$27,002 33
Expenditures.....	\$23,370 04
Balance.....	3,632 29
	\$27,002 33
Zenana paper.....	2,039 11

BEQUESTS.

Mr. Eli Johnson, of Leesburg, O.....	\$500 00
Miss Julia King, La Rue, O.....	100 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, with headquarters at Chicago.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. ISAAC R. HITT.....	Evanston, Illinois.
<i>Corresponding Sec:</i>	THOS. A. HILL.....	Chicago, "
<i>Recording Sec.</i>	A. W. PATEN.....	" "
<i>Treasurer</i>	F. P. CRANDON.....	Evanston, "

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Rock River</i>	MRS. C. E. MANDEVILLE.....	Oak Park, Illinois.
<i>Central Illinois</i>	" J. B. DILLE.....	Pre-emption, "
<i>Illinois</i>	" J. A. DOUGHERTY.....	Jacksonville, "
<i>Southern Illinois</i> ...	" M. E. SLADE	Vandalia. "
<i>Indiana</i>	MISS SARAH F. KEELEY, 156 E. Michigan st.,	Indianapolis.
<i>North Indiana</i>	MRS. B. SMITH.....	Muncie, Indiana.
<i>Northwest Indiana</i> ..	" A. C. MCKINSEY.....	Monticello, "
<i>Southeast Indiana</i> ..	" KATE L. HAYNES.....	Connersville, "
<i>Detroit</i>	" F. D. YORK.....	Denton, Michigan.
<i>Michigan</i>	" E. A. HOAG.....	Martin, "
<i>Wisconsin</i>	" L. C. COLEMAN.....	Whitewater, Wisconsin.
<i>West Wisconsin</i>	" M. M. EATON.....	Madison, "

In selecting and collating facts and figures from the treasury of garnered letters and reports of the past year, we can but exclaim, "The Lord hath been with us. He hath not withholden the request of our lips, and we will give thanks unto His name." Not only do we record advancement as a Society in the greater number of Auxiliaries, and an increased attendance thereon, but also in the amount of money paid into our treasury, in aggressive operations in our foreign work, and in an element of stability in our home work.

The work of our standing committees has been faithfully performed. The report of the Mite Box Committee shows that during the year 6,544 have been sent out to gather up the fragments, and to stand as silent pleaders for far-away benighted ones. The Committee on Missionary Literature sent out 1,649 pages of leaflets, and copied and distributed 332 letters, besides many extracts from newspapers. The Photograph Committee report sales during the year to the amount of \$131.57. The Publication Committee have sent out 30,704 leaflets, 2,000 annual reports, 2,500 constitution and by-laws, 550 Auxiliary Treasurer's reports, 2,200 pamphlets, 2,400 circulars. The Branch Corresponding Secretary has issued about 4,000 circulars. Several of the Conference Secretaries have appealed to their constituencies through a like medium, and even auxiliaries have made their desires known by printed, as well as oral, appeals.

A warm interest in the Zenana paper has been felt in some parts of our territory, yet, coming as the call did, in a year when votive offerings were called for in so many other directions, it has not the strong financial showing that otherwise it might have had. From the reports of the Conference Secretaries, we learn that during the year in most of the auxiliaries monthly meetings have been held, one Conference Secretary bringing a record of near 700 meetings. In very many places, upon the invitation of the pastor, the women of the Missionary Society have taken full direction of the regular monthly prayer-meetings of the church and their map exercises, their essays and topic readings, the letters from missionaries, their direct intense prayers, have given a far greater intelligence upon missionary subjects, and a deeper zeal than could have been otherwise possible.

For the first time in our history we have had distinctive work among our German population. Miss E. Dreyer, of Kansas, visited one of our Conferences, and awakened considerable enthusiasm, and we hope to chronicle in the coming year great results from her more frequent labors in our Branch, arrangements therefor having been entered into.

One distinguishing feature of the year has been the unexampled thank offerings—not the tithes merely have been offered, but the *gifts*; not alone the required altar sacrifice, but the sweetly burning incense. The deft fingers of the little children have gladly fashioned many gifts for the children who knew no home save the one provided by our Society. Young ladies have curtailed in some of the adornments of their own persons, that they might clothe the needy; and the large, warm hearts of the mothers have prompted the sending of tokens of love and remembrance to our far-away missionaries.

But the crowning glory of these free-will gifts was our thank offering day, the 17th of March. It was the anniversary of our organization as a Branch. Seven years, twice told, had it existed, and the members of its nearly 1,000 Auxiliaries were requested to meet on that day to recount the mercies of the Lord, in blessing the home, as well as the foreign workers; to review the way up which we had been led; to consider the wants of our newly-established mission in West China, and to offer not only gifts of prayer and praise, but material gifts also, for the establishment of the work in Chung King. The results of that day we may never see with earthly vision, or comprehend with our narrow finite minds, but He who claims the world as His own has it in remembrance. The gifts in money aggregate for that day the sum of over \$3,000, while the acquisition of missionary information, the increased zeal, and a deeper spirituality have been felt throughout the entire Branch, feeble Auxiliaries being helped to a better growth, sleeping ones aroused, and active ones made to sing aloud for joy.

From Michigan Conference we have three special benefactions in the year: \$300 for the "Home for the Friendless" in Lucknow. A Memorial Fund has also been inaugurated, and initial steps taken for an Orphanage in China by the sisters of the Lansing District.

Other links, precious, golden and immortal, have this year been added to the chain that cements us with our foreign work. Four of our own ladies—Miss Mary C. Robinson, of Michigan; Dr. Kate A. Corey, of Indiana; Miss Sarah M. De Line, of Illinois, and Miss Linna A. Schenck, of Michigan, have been sent by our Branch to foreign fields. Besides, we have loaned Gertrude Howe to the Cincinnati Branch, donated Miss Hewitt to the Philadelphia Branch, and Dr. Lucy Hoag to the New York Branch. We have three other candidates, two of whom have been accepted, and one whose papers are under consideration.

Other laborers have entered into their reward. Mrs. D. C. Scofield, of precious memory, died in Elgin in March. Her great attachment to the cause of Missions was shown by a bequest of \$7,000—\$3,000 for the education of

ladies for the medical missionary work, and \$1,000 each for Orphanages in China, Japan, Mexico and India.

Mrs. Adaliza M. Stoughton, a self-denying, earnest member of Roberts Park Church, Indianapolis, passed away, leaving a gift of \$1,000 to the treasury. Another bequest of about \$1,000 has been left us by Mr. Aaron Devore, of Waverly, Illinois. Also, one of \$500, the interest of which we receive perpetually from Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson, of Westville, Indiana. We have this year received \$370.42, bequeathed us by Mrs. C. Wilcox, of Baraboo, Wisconsin; \$1,362.58 from the Kimball estate, and the always prompt yearly payment from the bequest of Mrs. Slater, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

With devout thankfulness, we also record that another generous heart has been inspired to give of his means for the further establishment of Christ's kingdom. Mr. D. C. Scofield has very recently offered to endow a professorship to the amount of \$25,000 in a Medical Training School for medical missionaries. Already the necessary legal steps have been taken to secure a charter for such an institution and trustees for the same, believing that ere long this one benefaction will, through God's blessing, be made the means of awakening interest in the subject, and leading others to follow his example.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the opportunity to aid in this glorious work, we pledge for the future increased activity and greater zeal.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	864
Members.....	20,682
Life Members.....	1,577
Honorary Managers.....	31
Honorary Patrons.....	7
Mite Boxes.....	6,534
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	5,060

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	10
Assistants.....	12
Bible Women.....	9
Orphans and Scholarships.....	111
Day Schools.....	12

Besides large sums paid for the support of schools supported jointly by the Branches, as well as for purchases of needed mission property.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1883.....	\$ 6,461 11
Receipts to October 1, 1884.....	36,507 13
Total.....	\$ 42,968 24
Disbursements.....	35,733 09
Balance on hand.....	\$ 7,235 15

Branch Executive Meeting the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 10 A. M., 161 La Salle street, Chicago.

DES MOINES BRANCH.

Includes Iowa and Missouri, with headquarters at Des Moines.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. MARY S. HUSTON.....	Burlington, Iowa,
<i>Cor. Secretary</i> ..	" L. D. CARHART.....	Marion, "
<i>Rec. Secretary</i> ..	" B. GATCHELL.....	Des Moines, "
<i>Treasurer</i>	" E. K. STANLEY.....	" "

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa</i>	MRS. M. B. POWER.....	Albia, Iowa.
<i>Des Moines</i>		
<i>Upper Iowa</i>	DR. MARY W. PORTER	Davenport, Iowa.
<i>N. W. Iowa</i>	MRS. ISABEL G. WHITFIELD.....	Sioux City, "
<i>St. Louis</i>	" ADA B. HAGERTY.....	St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Missouri</i>	" J. H. CANADAY	

Last year it was recorded that the work of the Western Branch, of which we then formed a part, had been retarded by physical conditions, such as cyclones, floods and tornadoes. While we have had but few such embarrassments this year, yet we shall appear weaker, and have suffered some loss because of other circumstances. The division of the Western Branch, which reduced our territory from seven states to two, of course largely decreases our figures. The change of Branch Corresponding Secretary at the last quarter of the year has also had much to do with an imperfect showing.

For various reasons many of our District and Conference Secretaries, who hitherto have rendered such efficient service, have been obliged to resign their positions. This, the first year of our organization as the Des Moines Branch, has seemed to be, in many respects, one of discouragement rather than satisfactory progress. Notwithstanding all these hinderances we have been enabled, through the mercy and guidance of Our Father, to meet all our appropriations, and can praisefully exclaim, as in the past: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The Conference Anniversaries and District meetings have been occasions of spiritual power, and a means of quickening missionary zeal. Missionary teas and public meetings have all aided in awakening and increasing sentiment in favor of Missions. There is an increased interest manifested among the young ladies in some of our Conferences, and in one notable instance the entire society was converted, and gave at Christmas time a thank offering for the abundant grace God had bestowed upon them. Our Conference and District Secretaries have done what they could, and to them great thanks are due, for it is owing to their faithfulness and toil that in this, our year of beginning and hinderances, through the blessing of God, we have been enabled to make some growth.

At the beginning of the year we had hoped to find some one within our territory who should be ready to respond to the call for laborers: "Here am I, send me." One was found—Miss Josie Howard, of Marionville, Missouri.

Her qualifications and health appeared to be all that could be desired, but before she could respond to inquiries she was seized with typhoid fever, and after an illness of several weeks, passed to the land that knoweth no shadow.

Our dear, faithful ones, having no desire either to stand still or retrograde, have increased our appropriations for this year to \$12,000, believing the Lord will honor our faith, and it shall be unto us even as we will. This action was entirely in keeping with the spirit of the annual meeting, which was one of trusting faith, earnest work and importunate prayer.

There is "a mind for the work," and for Zion's sake will we not hold our peace, and for Jerusalem's sake we will not rest until the "righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth, and the Gentiles shall see Thy righteousness and all Kings Thy glory."

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	286
Members.....	6,506
Life Members.....	550
Honorary Managers	17
Life Patrons.....	4
Young Ladies' Societies.....	16
Bands	4
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	1,227

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Teachers.....	1
Missionaries.....	1
Bible Readers.....	9
Day Schools.....	1
Scholarships.....	40
Orphans.....	46

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand October 1, 1883	\$ 1,995 03
Received during the year.....	9,564 98
Total.....	\$10,660 01
Disbursements and expenses.....	9,755 01
Cash on hand October 1, 1884.....	\$ 905 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

Includes Minnesota and Dakota, with headquarters at Minneapolis. Organized December 18, 1883.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. EMILY HUNTINGTON MILLER....	St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	" J. M. HEARD.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	" MARY C. NIND.....	" "
<i>Treasurer</i>	" W. M. HARRISON, 802 2d av.,	South Minneapolis.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota Con</i>	MRS CHARLOTTE S. WINCHELL, E.	Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Dakota Mission Con.</i> ..	" I. M. HARTSOUGH.....	Sioux Falls, D. T.
<i>German Work</i>	MISS MAGGIE DREYER.....	Armstrong, Kansas.

Who hath despised the day of small things? This is the word of the Lord: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Believing the word of Him whose promises never fail, we commenced, continued and have closed the first year in our history.

He *only knows*, who reads the thoughts and knoweth us altogether, "how, in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling" we entered upon our new and untried responsibilities; but the word of the Lord came to our hearts with power. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

"Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument, having teeth."

"Arise, and thresh, O daughters of Zion, for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thine hoofs brass, and thou shalt beat in pieces many people, and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth."

The Promiser has fulfilled all his promises to us.

Our territory, as given to us by the General Executive Committee, embraces Minnesota and Dakota, but Washington, Idaho and Montana Territories have sought admission, and gladly we have welcomed one auxiliary from each, and it is hoped sanction will be granted us to undertake these new fields.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have had but two organizers traveling, Mrs. Hartough and the Branch Secretary, they have done comparatively little. The Lord has blessed the labors put forth, while the letters written and the literature sent out have resulted in quickening and "strengthening the things which were ready to die."

Miss Maggie Dreyer has labored very successfully within the bounds of our Branch, among our German churches, reporting sixteen auxiliaries, with 325 members; subscribers to *H. W. F.*, twenty-eight. She feels greatly the need of missionary literature in German, and asks for the publication of a pamphlet containing constitution, by-laws and a condensed report of work at home and abroad, which would greatly facilitate her work.

We gratefully record *advance* all along the line—blessed harmony and united labor. "The watchmen have seen, eye to eye."

Conscious that missionary facts are missionary arguments, we have been diligent in getting our literature into the hands of our people at camp-meetings, conferences, quarterly and annual meetings. We have sold all we could, and given away where we could not sell. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed; over 300 copies of Reports sold; 400 copies of "Mustard Seed" and "Land of the Rising Sun" ordered. "Sister Rideneou's Sacrifice" has found its way to many a home and Sunday-school library. The valuable "Lesson Leaf," increasing the interest in our monthly meetings, is used in many of our Auxiliaries. Many more readers of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*

than at the commencement of the year ; then 374, now 603—an increase of 229. The total increase in the circulation of this best of missionary papers is 1,074. We are thankful that nearly one-fifth of this increase has been ours.

The Missionary Map has been a great help during the year's work, in bringing the points of interest near and making the places more real.

Three Flag festivals have been held. The proceeds of two replenished our depleted treasury; the proceeds of the other were sent by mistake to the General Missionary Society, the sisters not fully understanding that the Flag festival "was a God-given thought for W. F. M. S.," and by the originator so designed. Let it be so understood everywhere.

We have received from the grateful women of the Training school at Peking a Chinese flag, presented to the ladies of the First Church, Minneapolis, in return for the one sent to them. A very interesting letter accompanied it.

The Oriental tea held in Minneapolis, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Bishop Foss, was a grand success, netting our treasury \$763.22, and greatly aiding us in meeting our appropriations.

It was decided to devote the proceeds to the buildings in Calcutta, Naini Tal and Hakodati, and each church bear their part in raising the amount assigned us, which has been done.

Mrs. Higgins, the President of the Hamline Auxiliary, the first organized in the new Branch, gives a plan in connection with mite chests. She has fourteen in her family, and she is getting each member of the household to put in, on the anniversary of their birth, as many cents as they are years old ; then she joyfully remarked, "I shall soon have to put in fifty-eight." This plan, carried out, will yield us a large revenue.

For the Illustrated Christian Paper for Women of India we have not received as much as we had hoped. The financial pressure is heavy upon our Branch, and it has been very difficult for us to do much more than meet our appropriations. We hope to do more next year. We are full of gratitude that all the appropriations for the foreign fields have been met, though we have only a small balance in our treasury. From varied sources the money has flowed in. Oriental and Occidental Missionary Teas; Flag Festivals; Quilts—crazy and sane; aprons and pincushions; Annual Memberships; Life Members; Honorary Managers; Life Patrons; selling cook books and reports; scattering "Mustard Seed," and other seed in kindred books; filling mite chests, then emptying them into the Treasury; giving a tenth to the Lord from profitable investments; raising chickens, selling eggs, bouquets, dolls, photographs; coffee and tea have been abandoned—the price of a meal given to God's work. One lady paints her house that she may do more for heathen women; the wardrobe and table are more simple, that the poor and hungry in foreign lands may be fed and enriched. But time fails us to recount. He who sits over against the Treasury keeps the record. We have received no large amounts—no bequests are ours to record—these we hope are in the future.

Nor have we been privileged to send from our Branch any Missionary to represent our Society, but, as a result of a meeting held at Hamline University, John Baxter offered himself to the self-supporting work under the care of Bishop Taylor, and is doing valiant service at Callao Peru, S. A. We are earnestly praying that from some of our homes the Lord of the vineyard will call some dear daughters, who will gladly respond: "Here am I, send me."

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	23	increase	85
Members	617	"	2,200
Life Members	13	"	143
Life Managers	3	"	20
Life Patrons	2	"	3
Subscribers to H. W. F.	239	"	604

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Assistant Missionaries	4
Bible Readers	2
Schools	3
Teachers	3
Scholarships	26
Orphans	6
Home of Friendless Pithoragarh ...	2
Partial support of Buadon Boarding School.	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts during year	\$3,811 85
Disbursements	3,657 00
Balance on hand	\$ 154 85

TOPEKA BRANCH.

Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming Territory, with headquarters at Topeka, Kansas.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. BISHOP NINDE	Topeka, Kansas.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	" H. M. SHATTUCK	Denver, Colorado.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	" J. C. TORRINGTON	Topeka, Kansas.
<i>Treasurer</i>	" M. J. SHELLEY	Humboldt, Nebraska.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Kansas</i>	MRS. REBA FREEMAN	Wyandotte, Kansas.
<i>South Kansas</i>	" H. E. M. PATTEE	Williamsburg, "
<i>Southwest Kansas</i> ..	" C. A. LOOSE	Peabody, "
<i>Northwest Kansas</i> ..	" CYNTHIA A. SEE	Salina, "
<i>Nebraska</i>	" GRACE MILLER	Lincoln, Nebraska.
<i>North Nebraska</i>	" HATTIE HAWVER	Omaha, "
<i>Nebraska Mission</i> ..	" H. J. SEAMAN	
<i>Colorado</i>	" REV. O. L. FISHER	29 N. 15th st., Denver, Col.
<i>German Confer</i>	MISS MAGGIE DREYER	Salina, Kansas.

Ten months ago our new Branch started its frail bark in new waters, surrounded with the mists and fogs of doubt—the tremblings of untried hands—

but out of the mists and fogs spake a voice: "Be not dismayed, for *I* am thy God! I will *help* thee, yea, I will *strengthen* thee!" What a freighting of *cour-age* these divine words brought to our shrinking hearts—what light—what rest! We looked up, and beheld the guiding hand of our Divine Leader at the helm. Truly, God has been in all the field—energizing all forces, shaping our plans—a very present help; and, as the year closes, and we find *every pledge met*, with glad thanksgivings we place our first memorial stone in happy significance of the Mighty Hand that hath gotten us the victory. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

Our Conference Secretaries have done noble work. Two have been called to other fields—Miss Meech, of Southwest Kansas Conference, to Michigan; Mrs. Smith, of Nebraska Mission, has departed with her husband as missionaries of the Parent Board to China—our prayers follow them. Our districts have been but partially organized the past year. We expect our twenty-nine newly-placed District Secretaries will do good service this year.

The organization of Young Ladies' Societies has been a feature of our work. The following deserve special mention: The Baldwin City Juveniles support Ida Baker at Pithoragarh. The Winfield girls have paid \$37.00 into our treasury, aside from their dues, and shared one-half the expense of sending a delegate to our annual meeting, and their young hearts abound with Missionary zeal. Edgar, Nebraska, has a fine Young Ladies' Society. The boys of the State Industrial School, Golden, Colorado, have paid \$25.00 for Grace Ninde, of Paori Orphanage. The matron tells of their daily prayers for her. The King's Daughters, Evans Memorial Church, Denver, have done royal work, and sent \$60.00 to the treasury for the year. The "Hamisfar Society," of California street, Denver, have honored the name they bear. A model Auxiliary treasurer, of Lawrence street, Denver, gathered \$100.00 as a Christmas offering, and made the first honorary manager of Topeka Branch. Our conference anniversaries have been occasions of marked blessing—spiritual and financial. A new *Auxiliary Treasurer's Book* has been issued by our Branch, we trust, to fill a long-felt need. It sells for thirty cents. The South Kansas Conference has, by its special gathered offerings, sent our beloved Dr. Hamisfar a \$190 organ, to help make melody for Jesus in the land of the rising sun. A large number of the works of Mrs. Charlotte T. Wilder have been sold throughout the Branch, enriching mind, heart and treasury. Thousands of leaflets have been scattered, and are more and more appreciated. We are glad to record an increase of 297 subscribers for the *Heathen Woman's Friend* during the year. The Zenana Paper leaflet has been largely circulated, and everywhere welcomed as inaugurating a most important era of missionary work. One sister in Carbondale, Kansas, responded by a gift of \$45.

In a town where there is no Society, a lady has made two life members, and sent \$40 to the treasury. Another, dependent upon her own hands, living in one room on the basement floor, has made two life members, and supports a child in India. In Kansas a gold watch was tearfully laid on Christ's altar.

A German sister brings many yards of Guipure lace, hoping thus to add \$100 to the treasury and make an honorary manager. An aged couple, nearing heavenly mansions, devise their earthly home to the W. F. M. Society, valued at \$1,000. A white-haired, veteran preacher places \$200 in trust for the W. F. M. S. as a perpetual monument of God's loving kindness to him, to yield an annual interest of \$12 to our treasury. We gratefully record the gift of twenty-five copies of "Rosario" from Mrs. Jennie F. Willing.

Miss Lillie M. Hayes, of Topeka, has been accepted by the Branch as a medical missionary candidate of much promise.

With profound regret we record the removal of our president beyond the limits of our Branch. Wisdom, love and dignity marked her relations with us. Upon the closing day of our annual meeting—as a slight token of our affectionate appreciation—a beautiful floral ship and a missionary album were given her. Mrs. Bishop Ninde was elected her successor.

The Topeka Branch has the honor to have had Dr. Ella M. Gilchrist, missionary to Kiu-kiang, China, within its borders during the last two years of her life. She went to heavenly rest on April 23, 1884. Her loving and abundant labors will ever be fragrant among us.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	27	increase	176
Members	96	"	4,004
Life Members	36	"	244
Honorary Managers.....	1	"	7
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	297	"	1,239
Life Patrons.....			1
Young Ladies' Societies			12
Members			169
Bands			5

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	3
Bible Readers	5
Teachers.....	4
Orphanas.....	27
Scholarships.....	21

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand	\$ 613 27
Receipts.....	5,747 36
Total	\$6,360 63
Expenditures	6,239 60
Balance.....	\$ 121 03
Organ.....	79 50
Zenana Paper.....	247 35

ATLANTA BRANCH.

Includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, with headquarters at Atlanta.

The money collected by the Atlanta Branch is paid through the Cincinnati Branch.

BRANCHES.	Auxiliaries.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Life Members.	Increase.	Life Managers.	Increase.	Honorary Patrons.	Increase.	Subscriptions to II. W. Friend.	Mite Boxes.	Receipts.	Zenana Paper Fund.
New England ..	398	36	10,568	876	861	58	33	1	10	...	3,144	2,420	\$17,261 86	2,400 00
New York	661	99	22,029	2,583	781	73	58	3	11	....	3,651	1,500	25,292 88	1,367 59
Philadelphia ...	332	32	11,359	1,759	302	55	20	..	3	1	1,997	1,236	16,875 53	2,655 93
Baltimore	106	8	4,000	200	125	....	21	...	4	....	887	.....	7,674 98	2,019 55
Cincinnati	590	29	12,450	450	925	100	63	10	4	...	2,622	1,000	21,138 74	2,039 66
Northwestern ..	864	....	20,682	820	1,577	312	31	9	7	...	5,060	6,544	35,831 91	1,117 17
Des Moines	286	....	6,506	683	550	....	17	...	4	...	1,227	.....	9,564 03	494 95
Minneapolis ...	85	23	2,200	617	143	13	21	3	3	2	508	.....	3,811 85	206 69
Topeka	176	27	4,004	96	244	36	7	1	1	..	1,239	.....	5,747 36	298 82
	3,498	243	93,798	8,084	5,508	426	271	26	47	3	20,335	12,700	\$143,100 14	\$12,600 36

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, The *Heathen Woman's Friend* has met with general approval on account of the excellent judgment of its editor in the selection of material, and its wise arrangement; and

WHEREAS, It has been made a power in spreading missionary intelligence wherever it has gone, carrying a pleasant and attractive address; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That Mrs. W. F. Warren be continued as its editor, with a salary of \$500, and a sufficient amount to meet the incidental expenses of the office.

WHEREAS, We have carefully examined the itemized accounts of the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and find that the large surplus shows that everything connected with the publication of the paper has been conducted with care and economy. thus proving great wisdom in its management; therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That Miss Pauline J. Walden be continued as agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, with a salary of \$500.

3. *Resolved*, That we express the sincere thanks of this Executive Committee to Mr. A. S. Weed for his efficient services as auditor during the past year, and ask him to continue in the position.

WHEREAS, The leaflets published by our Society are found to be an invaluable agent in our work in awakening missionary interest and kindling missionary zeal; therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the publication of leaflets be continued by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, whose wisdom and fitness for this position have been abundantly demonstrated in the past, and whose devotion to this work demands our lasting gratitude.

5. *Resolved*, That we have examined the itemized accounts of the Committee on Leaflets, and find them correct and properly vouched.

6. *Resolved*, That the name and address of the Leaflet Committee be continued in each issue of the *Friend*.

7. *Resolved*, That in consideration of the increasing interest among our German sisters in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, we recommend to the Leaflet Committee the publication of one or more leaflets in the German language for distribution.

8. *Resolved*, That a leaflet be prepared embodying the characteristics of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, showing the invaluable assistance which it has rendered to all the interests of the Society, and urging its more general circulation.

9. *Resolved*, That in the preparation of leaflets for the coming year, the chairman of the committee be requested to have in view the interests of the young ladies of the church, and include in the issue one or more especially adapted to this department of work.

10. *Resolved*, That in view of the rapid extension of our work and the increasing demands for leaflets, we recommend that the sum of \$700 be appropriated from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* for their publication, and that \$200 be appropriated from the same funds for the use of the committee in procuring such assistance as the work demands.

WHEREAS, Your committee find, upon inquiry, that the uniform readings are not answering their original purpose, and are not universally used in our auxiliaries ; therefore,

11. *Resolved*, That a uniform plan of study be substituted for these readings, to occupy not more than one column of the *Friend*, and that Mrs. H. Benton, of Cleveland, Ohio, be requested to take charge of this work.

12. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the rules for pronunciation of foreign names, with additions from other countries, be continued in the general report.

13. *Resolved*, That the publisher of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* be requested to continue to furnish gratuitously to Branches life-membership certificates of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the cost of transportation to be borne by the Branch ordering the certificates ; and further request that special mention be made of this in the general report.

14. *Resolved*, That we recommend the insertion in the rules concerning the Constitutional Publication Committee of the following by-law : That a committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

15. *Resolved*, That the Constitutional Publication Committee take charge of the funds raised for the endowment of the Zenana paper, and control of their investment and expenditure, and have the general supervision of the interests of the paper.

16. *Resolved*, That the said committee shall nominate the editor of the paper, to be appointed from among the ladies doing work for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in North India.

17. *Resolved*, That the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society requests the North India Conference to appoint five persons—three ladies and two gentlemen, one of whom shall be the publisher—to supervise the business interests of the paper; this committee to send the annual financial statement, amount of circulation, and items of interest, to the Constitutional Publication Committee in time to be presented to the annual General Executive Committee Meeting in America.

18. *Resolved*, That we accept with thanks the generous gift to the schools of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of copies of the book entitled

"The Human Body," donated by Misses Buckelew and Lewis through the Brooklyn Auxiliary; further

19. *Resolved*, That the secretary of the Executive Committee be instructed to send these ladies a copy of this resolution.

20. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Executive Committee are due Mrs. B. R. Cowen for the excellent service rendered in the preparation of the Fourteenth Annual Report, and we herewith express our gratitude, and request that she consent to undertake the publication of the Fifteenth Report, the expense incurred to be defrayed from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

21. *Resolved*, That the Branch Corresponding Secretaries be requested to furnish to the editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* a few concise facts in regard to each Missionary, to be published in connection with the announcement of her departure for the foreign field.

22. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this General Executive Committee Meeting be published in the December number of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as heretofore, and that the reports of the standing committees be also published in the Fifteenth General Report.

MRS. FRANK P. CRANDON, *Chairman*,

MRS. C. S. WINCHELL, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. The committee having carefully considered the credentials of Mrs. M. F. Scranton, and deeming them most satisfactory; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend her appointment to the foreign field, as eminently qualified for earnest work.

2. The testimonials of Miss Julia A. Bonafield having been carefully examined; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend her acceptance as a Missionary candidate, if a personal interview with the Corresponding Secretary presenting her papers prove satisfactory.

3. WHEREAS, The papers of Miss Theresa J. Kyle prove satisfactory,

Resolved, That we recommend her acceptance as a suitable candidate for acceptance by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

4. WHEREAS, The testimonials of Miss Mina A. Bartlett having been considered; therefore

Resolved, That your committee deem her fully qualified to become a missionary candidate.

5. WHEREAS, The papers of Miss Mary C. Elliot have been examined and approved; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend her acceptance.

6. WHEREAS, The papers of Miss Mary J. Elliott, which have been presented to the committee, are satisfactory; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend her acceptance, subject to the approval of

the Corresponding Secretary of the Cincinnati Branch, after a personal interview.

7. WHEREAS, The committee having examined the papers of Miss Wilhelmina L. Armstrong,

Resolved, That, on account of incomplete education and immaturity, we cannot, at present, recommend her acceptance as a Missionary candidate. See requirements for the Missionary candidates, Sec. 6, Arts. IV. and V., and that we refer her case to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch.

8. *Resolved*, That the resolutions of Committee on Missionary Candidates for 1883 be reaffirmed as follows:

Resolved, That each Branch appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any lady, within the limits of the Branch, who makes application to be sent out by this Society; and two or more of this committee shall see the lady, if practicable, before her papers are sent to the Reference Committee, or to the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting.

Resolved, That a report of this examination as to divine call, Christian character, and qualifications shall accompany other testimonials.

MRS. CLEMENTINE BUTLER, *Chairman*,

MRS. M. R. CRAWFORD, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1. *Resolved*, That the Des Moines Branch have the privilege of paying \$300 salary for the second year of Miss Budden's absence from India.

2. *Resolved*, That the Baltimore Branch be granted permission to pay Miss Layton's return passage from India.

3. *Resolved*, That the estimates for Kiu Kiang, China, be referred to the Committee of Reference for further information.

4. *Resolved (a)*, That the corresponding secretary of the New York Branch be authorized to ascertain if the Missionary Board will agree to the terms of occupancy of Miraflores proposed by Rev. C. W. Drees, superintendent, in consideration of their appropriation of \$1,000 towards the school building. *Resolved (b)*, That the corresponding secretary of New York Branch be authorized to sign the agreement referred to above on behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

5. *Resolved*, That Miss L. M. Latimer be accepted as a Missionary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Mexico, as recommended by Rev. C. W. Drees, superintendent of the Mission.

6. *Resolved*, That the Home for Homeless Women in Pithoragarh receive the name of the "Angeline Newman Home," in consideration of the fact that Mrs. Angeline Newman furnished the necessary funds for the erection of the Home.

7. *Resolved*, That an account of the payments of the Woman's Foreign

Missionary Society to Miss Mary A. Sharpe, of Africa, be published in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

8. *Resolved*, That if, after consultation with the Parent Board, it seems best to grant the request of the Peking ladies, to exchange the hospital property belonging to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for property belonging to the Parent Board, adjoining the present building of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Peking, the General Executive Committee agree to the exchange, and request the secretary of the New York Branch to notify the corresponding secretary to forward the appropriations made.

9. *Resolved*, That we request the North India Conference to relieve Miss Thoburn from charge of the school in Lucknow, and appoint her to have general supervision of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India.

10. *Resolved*, That the General Executive Committee request Miss Thoburn to draw on the treasury of the Cincinnati Branch for her traveling expenses as superintendent, and that she be instructed to travel in such manner as shall put the least strain on her health.

11. *Resolved*, That the following ladies be appointed treasurers in the foreign fields: Miss L. E. Blackmar, Lucknow, India; Miss S. Trask, M. D., Foochow, China; Miss A. B. Sears, Peking, China; Miss Frances Wheeler, Chung King, China; Miss M. C. Robinson, Chin Kiang, China; Mrs. J. C. Jackson, Wuhu, China; Miss M. A. Spencer, Tokio, Japan; Miss M. Hampton, Hakodati, Japan; Miss E. Russell, Nagasaki, Japan; Mrs. C. M. Van Petten, Yokohama, Japan; Mrs. L. M. Vernon, Rome, Italy; Miss L. Schenck, Lofcha, Bulgaria; Rev. T. B. Wood, Montevideo, South America; Miss J. E. Goodenough, Buenos Ayres, South America; Miss J. M. Chapin, Rosario, South America; Miss M. D. Loyd, Mexico City, Mexico; Miss M. Hastings, Pachuca, Mexico; Miss S. DeLine, Bombay, India.

12. *Resolved*, That the following ladies act as official correspondents for the ensuing year: Mrs. L. A. Alderman for Yokohama, Japan, North China and South America. Mrs. H. B. Skidmore for Rohilkund District, India, Corea, Italy and Central China. Mrs. S. L. Keen for Mexico and Tokio, Japan. Miss I. Hart for Foo Chow, China and West China. Mrs. H. M. Hill for Kumaon District, India, Bulgaria and Bombay. Mrs. B. R. Cowen for Oudh District, India, and Nagasaki, Japan. Mrs. H. M. Shattuck for Hakodati, Japan. Mrs. M. C. Ninde for South India.

H. B. SKIDMORE, *Chairman*,
S. L. KEEN, *Secretary*.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In addition to resolutions offered by the Committee on Candidates, the following were passed :

Resolved, That the ladies in charge of our hospitals and dispensaries in the foreign fields be requested to make annually a statement of the medical supplies, books and surgical instruments in their respective stations.

Resolved, That these ladies be instructed to send such statements, through

their respective Branch Corresponding Secretaries, to some lady appointed by the General Executive Committee to keep the record for the Society.

Resolved, That a Committee on Photographs be formed, composed of one member from each Branch, of which the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall be chairman; which committee shall be authorized to obtain, as far as practicable, the photographs of our missionaries, and furnish them at a uniform price to their respective Branches, the profits from the sale accruing to the Branch selling the photograph.

To the resolution on leaflets, the following was added :

Resolved, That the amount of expressage of leaflets to the respective Branches be paid by the Chairman of Leaflet Committee out of the amount appropriated for leaflets.

BRANCH DIVISIONS.

Montana, Idaho and Washington Territories, and Oregon were taken into the Minneapolis Branch until an organization is formed on the Pacific coast. Mrs. Skidmore and Mrs. Shattuck were appointed a committee to confer with the ladies in that locality on the organization of a California Branch.

ZENANA PAPER.

In reference to this enterprise, in addition to resolutions 15, 16 and 17, presented by Committee on Publication, the following were passed by the General Executive Committee :

Resolved, That we receive the Report of the Treasurer of the Fund for the establishment of a Zenana paper for the women of India with gratitude for the measure of success that has attended this enterprise, and very sincere thanks to the treasurer for the care she has given, and the prompt publishing of receipts for all money that has come into her hands. As the amount asked for has not been fully met, we suggest that the effort to collect funds for the permanent establishment of this paper shall be continued until the sum of \$20,000, necessary to secure the additional \$5,000 pledged, shall be received.

Resolved, That the funds necessary for the publication of the Zenana paper in India up to the amount of \$1,200, not met by the present income from the endowment fund, be supplied for the ensuing year from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

By vote of the Constitutional Publication Committee, Miss L. E. Blackmar, of Lucknow, was elected editor of the paper, her intimate acquaintance with Zenana life making the selection a fitting one.

PLAN OF UNIFORM STUDY.

PREPARED BY MRS. H. BENTON.

In presenting these topics of study, it is not expected that every Auxiliary will follow them in detail; neither are they supposed to be at all exhaustive of the subjects presented. It is only hoped that some lines of thought and investigation will be opened up that will be helpful and stimulating. The fact,

too, becomes apparent, that while access to extensive libraries and expensive books and maps is pleasant and desirable, it is not necessary to a tolerably successful prosecution of these studies.

The Society has prepared a wall map, showing India, China, Japan, and our new field, Corea. This may be added to and made vastly more interesting, and become a delightful exercise, especially for the young people, by the use of colored crayons or inks, locating the Mission stations of our own and other churches, the Missionaries in whom we may be specially interested, etc. This map is sold at the low price of \$2.00, and is to be obtained of Miss Pauline J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass. If, however, you have no contingent fund, or prefer to keep it for some other purpose, take an ordinary school atlas and set the young people to making Missionary maps. A Missionary scrap-book, too, may be vastly helpful and suggestive, remembering that the various social, domestic, civil and international affairs of a country enter into the problem of its redemption from the blight of sin. Clip from all reliable, authentic sources items relating to our various Mission fields. Scarcely a number of our various secular papers but mentions the condition of the countries in which they lie, in some of the above-mentioned relations. Our own church papers are full of suggestive references, and the leaflets to be obtained from Branch corresponding secretaries are also very helpful. So, at all times and in all places, with our hearts filled with the petition, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done," and our lives consecrated to His service, may we not expect the Holy Spirit to take of the things of God in His word, and among the nations of men, and so show them unto us, that under its inspirations we shall do better work for the Master in the year just entered upon than ever we have done before.

January—The divine idea of missions; or the biblical reasons for missionary effort.

February—The divine idea of stewardship; or the biblical reason for giving "as the Lord hath prospered us."

March—A study of the methods and objects of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at home.

April—A study of the methods and objects of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society abroad.

May—Africa, her necessities, and the supply.

June—China and the Chinese.

July—Social customs and literature of the Chinese.

August—Religions of China.

September—Corea.

October—Japan, her social customs and religions.

November—Providential openings for missionary labor, and what it has done for the world outside of Christianity.

December—General survey; or missionary effort and apparent results, together with comparative results of Christian endeavor in Christian and in heathen lands.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884-5 BY BRANCHES.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , School building.....	\$500 00
<i>Roy Bareilly</i> , Mrs. Grant's salary.....	300 00
Rent, \$100; Bible Women, \$200....	300 00
Conveyance, \$84; Repairs \$42....	126 00
Schools.....	209 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Harvey's salary....	650 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Boarding school.....	100 00
City schools.....	175 00
Three Bible-women.....	100 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
Eight Bible-readers.....	167 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss M. J. Seymour's salary.....	75 00
Girls Boarding school.....	750 00
Matron.....	75 00
Repairs on Ladies' Home.....	84 00
Land and building for school....	1,500 00
Zenana and Mohulla readers.....	250 00
City girls' schools.....	334 00
Munshi, \$25; Conveyance, \$84....	109 00
Medical work.....	375 00
Dr. Christianity's salary.....	650 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Girls in orphanage.....	612 00
Dr. Swain's salary.....	650 00
Hospital necessities and medici's	520 00
<i>Amroha</i> , Schools and Bible-women	696 00
Total	\$9,591 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Eight scholarships.....	\$320 00
Watchman.....	100 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Salary of Miss Benton.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to work.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Bible-women in training.....	250 00
Furocho school.....	30 00
Current house repairs.....	200 00
Insurance, \$40; Ground rent, \$60..	100 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Five scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Six scholarships.....	240 00
Total	\$2,500 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Cushman's return and her salary.....	\$800 00
Boarding school current expenses	600 00
Chinese day school.....	100 00
Local travel.....	50 00
Building home.....	1,000 00
<i>Tsun Hsu</i> , Work (conditional)....	500 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Miss Yate's salary.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Dr. Acker's salary.....	600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	120 00
Freight on organ (conditional) ..	35 00

Dispensary assistant \$100; Matron \$60	160 00
Coolies for hospital	120 00
Watchman, \$54; Gatekeeper, \$54.	108 00
Total	\$5,193 00

Central China.

<i>Wuhu</i> , School building.....	\$300 00
Girls.....	50 00
Total	\$350 00

West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , Improvement on building.....	\$250 00
Total	\$250 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Chapin's salary.....	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to work....	150 00
Education of girls.....	100 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Assistants.....	200 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Assistant teacher..	300 00
Rent.....	200 00
Total	\$1,550 00

Italy.

<i>Arezzo</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Cavalieris	\$150 00
Total	\$150 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Bible-woman	\$60 00
Books and tracts.....	40 00
Rent of home.....	350 00
Girls in orphanage.....	240 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Salary of school teacher	300 00
Repairs and school furniture....	30 00
School books, stationery, etc.....	75 00
New building (conditional).....	500 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Miss Latimer's salary....	600 00
Expenses contingent to the work..	150 00
Expenses to conference	25 00
<i>Puebla</i> , New school building.....	250 00
Total	\$2,620 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Two scholarships.....	\$80 00
Water supply.....	200 00
Total	\$280 00

Corea.

One half of Mrs. Scranton's salary	\$375 00
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Opening of the work.....	250 00
Total	\$625 00
Contingent	331 00
Grand total.....	\$23,500 00

NEW YORK BRANCH.

India.

<i>East Kumaon</i> , Village work.....	\$100 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Three girls	60 00
<i>Turai</i> , Bible-reader	15 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , Building	1,000 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Assistant No. 3.....	250 00
Three Bible-readers	180 00
Conveyance	52 00
<i>Hurdai</i> , Bible-readers and schools.....	271 00
<i>Ellenore</i> Bible-readers and schools.....	105 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Hyde's salary	650 00
Medical work.....	375 00
Unao schools and Bible-reader...	144 00
Dormitories	250 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Two scholars	30 00
Land and school building.....	1,000 00
Mohulla work	167 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Mrs. Butterfield's salary..	150 00
City girls' school	250 00
Bible-women	150 00
<i>Kakrouti</i> , Bible-women and school ..	50 00
<i>Bilsi</i> , Bible-women and school.....	84 00
<i>Basauli</i> , Bible-woman and school.....	63 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss Spark's salary.....	650 00
Orphanage	1,400 00
Second assistant.....	225 00
Zenana work, Miss Durand.....	350 00
Bible-readers.....	240 00
Conveyance	84 00
City girls' school.....	334 00
Conveyance Mrs. Banerje, and salary	250 00
<i>Bareilly Circuit</i> , Bitauli	20 00
Shahbazpore	15 00
Bisalpur	20 00
Philibit	25 00
Faredpur.....	20 00
Boheri	30 00
Aoula, Three schools, one Bible-reader.....	115 00
Chera Bajhera school and Bible-reader	90 00
Fatehganj	85 00
Shergarh.....	20 00
Mirganj	25 00
Serali	30 00
Shewpuri	24 00
<i>South India</i> , A lady to Bombay.....	1,000 00
Salary of Mrs. F. English.....	650 00
Salary of Clara Downey.....	650 00
Total	\$11,778 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Mrs. C. Jewel's salary....	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Home	500 00
Teacher	75 00
Coolie	54 00
Mrs. Wang, Bible-woman.....	50 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Miss Hoag, M. D.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
School.....	400 00
Dispensary.....	250 00
Scholarships.....	80 00

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Trask's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Hospital expenses	400 00
Three medical students	54 00
Passage to Japan and U. S.	710 00
<i>Foochow</i> District day schools....	200 00
Deaconess	24 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , Land and wall.....	250 00
Building	500 00
Scholarships	50 00
<i>West China</i> , School rent.....	165 00
Police expenditure	5 00
Medicine and nurse.....	25 00

Total\$6,042 00

Corea.

Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	\$375 00
For work in Corea.....	250 00
Passage to Japan.....	250 00

Total.....\$875 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Miss Atkinson's salary.....	\$750 00
Teacher	100 00
Six scholarships, \$40 each.....	240 00
Day schools Tamachi	125 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Gheer's salary and incidentals	750 00
Bible work, \$50; Repairs, \$50.....	100 00
Insurance	155 00
Scholarships	640 00
<i>Hakodoti</i> , Miss Hampton's salary.....	750 00
Teacher	60 00
Land rent.....	108 00
Insurance	120 00
Ten scholarships, \$40 each.....	400 00

Total.....\$4,298 00

Mexico.

Miss Le Huray's salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Spanish teacher.....	100 00
Teacher of drawing and music....	265 00
Rent of house.....	105 00
Beneficiaries supported.....	800 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Miss Hasting's salary.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Bible-women and supplies.....	100 00
Expenses to conference.....	25 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , Mexican assistant.....	300 00
Rent.....	360 00
School furniture and requisites....	125 00
Bible-women and supplies.....	100 00
Porter's wages	120 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Rebuilding and extens on..	500 00

Total.....\$4,400 00

South America.

<i>Montevideo</i> , Assistant	\$200 00
School rent.....	500 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	200 00

Total.....\$900 00

Italy.

<i>Milan</i> , Mrs. Campari	\$160 00
<i>Naples</i> , Mrs. Polsinelle.....	160 00
<i>Venice</i> , Mrs. Tollis.....	160 00
<i>Verona</i> , Mrs. Conte.....	160 00

Total.....\$640 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Five scholarships.....	\$200 00
<i>Rustchuk</i> , School and Bible-women.....	330 00

Total..... \$530 00

Grand total..... \$30,176 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

India.

<i>Paori</i> , Miss Maud Cumberland's salary.....	\$225 00
Orphanage and school.....	250 00
Repairs.....	84 00
Village schools.....	155 00
Bible-reader.....	40 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , English girls' school property.....	200 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible-reader.....	60 00
Conveyance.....	52 00
Matron for Home for Homeless Women.....	225 00
Repairs on H. H. W.....	250 00
Miss Heming's salary.....	350 00
City schools.....	334 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Mispelaur's salary.....	350 00
Bible-readers.....	149 00
City schools.....	334 00
Conveyances.....	167 00
House and land rent.....	105 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Miss H. Kerr's salary.....	650 00
Miss Cumberland's salary.....	300 00
Girls' boarding school.....	125 00
District village schools.....	75 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Building for school.....	335 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss Thompson's salary.....	275 00
Orphanage.....	400 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00

Total for India..... \$3,594 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Miss Spencer's salary.....	\$600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	440 00
Insurance.....	240 00
Traveling expenses.....	75 00
Day school at Kanda.....	160 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible-woman.....	100 00
Nogeyama school.....	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	160 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Miss Hewett's salary.....	600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	60 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Matron and servant.....	170 00
Fuel and lights.....	250 00

Total for Japan..... \$3,695 00

Corea.

Mission work.....	\$250 00
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China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Yeng Ping District.....	\$100 00
<i>West China</i> , Furniture.....	200 00
Five boarding pupils.....	125 00
Five orphans.....	125 00
<i>North China</i> Tientsin, Day schools.....	250 00

Central China, Chin Kiang, Or-

phans.....	\$10 00
Dispensary.....	250 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , Furnishing.....	130 00
Girls in school.....	50 00
School and house incidentals.....	162 00

Total for China..... \$1,432 00

Italy.

<i>Alexandria</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Stazi.....	\$250 00
<i>Medina</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Cruciani.....	250 00

Total for India..... \$500 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Loyd's salary..	\$600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
Spanish teacher.....	100 00
Matron and sewing teacher.....	600 00
Orphanage.....	450 00
Rent.....	250 00
<i>Leon or Silao</i> , Salary of teacher...	360 00
School requisites and furniture...	100 00
Rent.....	180 00
Bible-woman and supplies.....	150 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Bible-woman and supplies.....	100 00
Purchase of building.....	1,500 00
Extension of building.....	1,000 00

Total for Mexico..... \$5,520 00

Two ladies to be sent..... 2,500 00

Contingent..... 759 00

Grand Total..... \$21,000 00

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

India.

<i>Dwara Hath</i> , Mrs. Whitby's salary.....	\$275 00
Mrs. Whitby's itinerating.....	60 00
Five village schools.....	155 00
Three Bible-readers.....	60 00
Eight pupils.....	164 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , Native assisant work..	225 00
Girls' school.....	84 00
Teacher and Bible-woman.....	50 00
Rent.....	21 00
Munshi.....	30 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible-woman.....	60 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Maggie Seymour.....	275 00
Orphans.....	195 00
Boarding school.....	500 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	300 00
Miss Kelly's salary.....	650 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00

Total..... \$3,164 00

South India.

Miss Layton's return.....	\$500 00
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Total..... \$500 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Fisher's salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Boarding school.....	200 00
East St. Dispensary.....	300 00
East St. Deaconess.....	36 00

Three medical students	\$108 00
Day school, Ku Cheng district...	300 00
Total.....	\$1,794 00

West China.

Repairs and improvements in school	\$250 00
Fitting and furnishing	200 00
Ten pupils	250 00
Two orphans	125 00
Passage and outfit for a medical lady	2,000 00
Total.....	\$2,825 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Day schools at Kamayene..	\$250 00
Bible-reader	50 00
Traveling expenses	40 00
Four scholarships	160 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible-woman	50 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Everding's salary.	600 00
Miss Everding's incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	200 00
Bible-woman	50 00
Total.....	\$1,550 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Orphans	\$240 00
Miss Swaney's salary	600 00
Miss Swaney's incidentals	150 00
Expenses	30 00
Total	\$1,020 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Mrs. Mando	\$250 00
Total	\$250 00
Contingent	397 00
Grand total.....	\$11,500 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Building Fund	\$500 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Nickerson's salary	650 00
Girls' school	65 00
Plowmen \$75, cowherds \$45	120 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible women	200 00
Conveyance	52 00
Repairs on Home for Friendless	250 00
Miss Thoburn's salary	650 00
Scholarships	150 00
Repairs on Boarding school	167 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , Bible readers	400 00
Schools	280 00
Keeping horse \$75, repairs \$21	96 00
Scholarships	125 00
Two teachers	125 00
<i>Barabanki</i> , Schools and Bible readers	285 00
<i>Eijnour</i> , Boarding school	135 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage	600 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , New building	1,500 00
Miss De Vine's salary	650 00
Scholarships	150 00
<i>Sha jenanpore</i> , Girls' schools	334 00
Bible readers	225 00

Assistants' salary	\$225 00
Conveyance	84 00
<i>Pawayan</i> , B. women and schools.	84 00
<i>Tilhur</i> , Bible women and schools.	84 00
<i>Jalahabad</i> , B. Women and schools	84 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Dormitories	750 00
Salary of Miss Mansell	650 00
Salary of Miss Reed	650 00

Total for North India\$10,320 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Jewell's salary....	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to work...	150 00
Boarding school	200 00
Teacher \$100, med. student \$100.	130 00
<i>Hing Hua</i> , Schools	300 00
<i>Peking</i> , Miss Sears' salary	600 00
Expenses contingent to work	150 00
Teacher	75 00
Boarding school	120 00
Gate-keeper \$54; postage \$110 ..	164 00
Building	1,000 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , School building	500 00
<i>West China</i> , Repairs and improvements	250 00
Watchman \$34, gate-keeper \$34.	68 00
Orphans	75 00

Total for China\$4,712 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Scholarships	\$240 00
Miss Holbrook's home salary ..	350 00
Fuel and lights	185 00
Repairs	150 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Russell's salary..	600 00
Expenses contingent to work...	150 00
Teacher	100 00
Scholarships	600 00
Ground rent	275 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , One scholarship.....	40 00

Total for Japan\$2,690 00

Corea\$550 00*Bulgaria.*

Teacher\$200 00

Total for Bulgaria\$200 00

Italy.

<i>Turin</i> , Bible woman	\$150 00
<i>Perugia</i> , Bible woman	150 00

Total for Italy\$300 00

South America.

<i>Montevideo</i> , Rent for schools.....	\$500 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , School	200 00

Total for South America\$700 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Orphanage	\$320 00
Orphanage teacher	275 00
Orphanage porter	63 00
Orphanage rent	250 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Girls' school	300 00
Bible women and supplies	100 00
Furniture	75 00
Teacher	360 00
Rent.....	450 00

<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner's salary....	\$600 00
Expenses contingent to work...	150 00
Expenses to conference	30 00
Mexican assistants.....	550 00
Teacher	100 00
Furniture, etc.....	120 00
Porter \$100, water \$6.....	106 00
Building	1,750 00
Miss Warner's return passage..	250 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$6,049 00
Contingent.....	479 00
Grand Total.....	\$26,000 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Paori</i> , Eight Orphans.....	\$240 00
<i>Dwara Hath</i> , Eight Scholarships.	164 00
Two teachers \$30, matron \$25 ..	75 00
Purchase of house for matron...	167 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Salary of Miss Rowe	650 00
Farm manager at Home	50 00
Nine scholarships	180 00
<i>Bharbar</i> , Schools and Bible readers.	125 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , School property	3,000 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Salary of Miss Crawshaw.	225 00
Building and repairs of Home for Homeless Women.....	200 00
Salary of Miss Singh.....	275 00
One scholarship	30 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , One assistant.....	225 00
Dormitories.....	500 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Twenty-five scholarships	275 00
One matron.....	60 00
Repairs on school building.....	150 00
Rent of Mission house	150 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Twenty scholarships.	250 00
Land and school building.....	2,000 00
Salary of Mrs. Smith.....	250 00
Mrs. Gill's munshi	50 00
Itinerating.....	42 00
<i>Chandausi</i> , Schools and Bible reader	205 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Boarding school	60 00
Repairs and building.....	250 00
Bible reader	50 00
Conveyance	84 00
Itinerating \$42, medicines \$42 ..	84 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Matron.....	150 00
Twenty-one orphans	428 00
Salary of Miss Pannell.....	225 00
Assistant teacher.....	50 00
<i>Pahnapore</i> , School and Bible reader	125 00
Total	\$11,044 00

South India.

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary of Miss De Line.	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Current expenses	450 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Building for school.....	1,000 00
Total	2,200 00
Total for India.....	\$13,244 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Home in Peking.....	\$1,000 00
Boarding school, current expenses	100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Traveling expenses for general work	100 00
House furnishing	250 00
Hospital, current expenses.....	400 00
House Gate-keeper.....	54 00
Conveyance	50 00
Repairs and postage	150 00
Medical lady to be sent	1,500 00
<i>Ching Kiang</i> , Salary of Miss Robinson	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
House rent and repairs.....	550 00
Personal teacher.....	84 00
Four orphans	80 00
<i>Wuhu</i> , School building.....	300 00
Clothing.....	1-0 00
Servants	44 00
Teachers and nurses	78 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital expenses.....	400 00
Repairs.....	130 00
Insurance.....	25 00
Watchman	42 00
Salary of Dr. Corey.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Passage to Japan on account of war	110 00
Boarding school.....	289 00
Watchman.....	42 00
Insurance.....	32 50
Repairs	40 00
<i>Ing Chung</i> , Women's school	216 00
<i>Chung King</i> , Salary of Miss Wheeler	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Salary of Miss Howe.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Traveling expenses of Miss Howe to West China.....	1,100 00
Sum of exchange	319 50
Building	250 00
Infant's home.....	500 00
Three orphans.....	75 00

Corea.

(Provisional)	\$500 00
Total for China	11,931 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Seventeen scholarships....	\$680 00
Two native teachers	300 00
One writing teacher	50 00
Ground rent	250 00
Tract and papers	50 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Five scholarships.....	200 00
Teacher	140 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Salary of Mrs. Van Peiton	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Traveling expenses of ladies and Bible-women	150 00
<i>Kanagawa</i> , Books, tracts, and paper	75 00
Watchman	60 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Five scholarships.....	260 00
Total for Japan	\$3,005 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Postage and stationery	\$50 00
Internal-revenue stamps	30 00
Salary of Miss Wilson	480 00
Rent of house	400 00
Repairs and incidentals	100 00
School furniture	125 00
School books and stationery	200 00
Ten orphans	490 00
Bed and bedding	240 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , School	500 00
School supplies	100 00
Repairs	90 00
Care of garden	45 00
Porter	130 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Purchase of land	2,000 00
School building	1,500 00

Total for Mexico..... \$6,390 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Salary of Miss Schenck	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Six scholarships	240 00
Rooms for servants and washing	300 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$1,290 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Salary of Miss Denning	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Education of girls	250 00
Assistant teachers	250 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Salary of Miss Goodenough	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Rent	200 00
Taxes	60 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Salary of Miss Guelfi	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Assistants	400 00
Rent	200 00
Furniture	350 00
Repairs	80 00

Total for South America.... \$4,040 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Lady to be sent	\$700 00
Salary	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Rent	200 00
Furniture	300 00
<i>Bologna</i> , Bible woman	250 00

Total for Italy..... \$2,200 00

Grand total..... \$42,100 00

DES MOINES BRANCH.

India.

<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans	\$400 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Sigler boarding-school	205 00
<i>Bahraich</i> , Bible women and schools	234 00
<i>Data Gunge</i>	25 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Bible readers	100 00
Girls' school	45 00
Repairs on building	21 00
Keeping horse	70 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Blackmar's salary	650 00
Munshi assistance	50 00

Home for Homeless Women	\$250 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Land and building for school	500 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , English girls' boarding school	350 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Salary for Miss Bud-den	300 00
Matron	35 00
<i>Paori</i> , Medical	42 00
Orphans	50 00

Total \$3,327 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Boarding school	\$200 00
<i>Hok Chiang</i> , District day school	450 00

Total \$650 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships	\$370 00
Matron	40 00
Current expenses of training school	300 00
Traveling expenses	150 00
Building home	500 00

Total \$1,360 00

West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , Repairs and improvements	\$500 00
Medical assistant	34 00

Total for China..... \$2,544 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , One native teacher	\$125 00
Matron and sewing teacher	150 00
Medical attendance	125 00
Scholarships	200 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Three scholarships	120 00
<i>Hakodoti</i> , Six scholarships	240 00
One teacher	140 00

Total \$1,100 00

Corea.

Work in Corea	\$250 00
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Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Rent of house for school	\$250 00
Water tax	50 00
Orphans	280 00
Light and lamps	164 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Rent	120 00
Building	250 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Mexican assistant	360 00
Rent of house	240 00
School furniture and requisites	100 00
Bible woman	110 00
<i>Puebla</i> , On building	1,000 00

Total \$2,894 00

South America.

<i>Montevideo</i> , Assistant teacher	\$200 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Education of girls	134 00
Mrs. Turney's salary	500 00

Total \$834 00

Italy.

<i>Turin</i> , Mrs. Marini	\$150 00
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Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Assistant No. 2.....	\$60 00
Bible-women.....	100 00
Total	\$160 00
Grand total.....	\$12,050 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

India.

<i>Paori</i> , Five orphans	\$90 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Two teachers.....	55 00
Five girls	88 00
Repairs on building.....	42 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , English school property	350 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Assistant No. 2.....	225 00
Home for homeless.....	300 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Building school.....	500 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships	280 00
Mrs. Goodwin's salary.....	250 00
Bible-reader	50 00
Munshi	25 00
<i>Colonel Gunge</i> , Two Bible-readers	70 00
Girls' school	90 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Mrs. Johnson's salary..	225 00
Ten girls	170 00

Total for India..... \$2,810 00

China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarship.....	\$30 00
Bible-woman.....	50 00

Total for China..... \$80 00

Central China.

<i>Ching Kiang</i> , Bible-reader.....	\$50 00
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West China.

Thirty pupils.....	\$20 00
Matron	34 00
Incidentals	50 00
Hymn-books, scripture.....	25 00
Building.....	250 00

Total for West China..... \$379 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , One scholarship.....	\$40 00
Native teacher.....	120 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarship	40 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Four scholarships.....	160 00

Total for Japan..... \$360 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Assistant teachers.....	\$250 00
Scholarship.....	50 00

Total for South America... \$300 00

Mexico.

<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner's building.	\$250 00
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Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , One scholarship.....	\$40 00
Two scholarships.....	40 00
Five day pupils.....	50 00
Third assistant teacher.....	20 00
Repairs and taxes.....	25 00
Postal	15 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$190 00

Grand total. \$4,419 00

TOPEKA BRANCH.

India.

<i>Paori</i> , Three girls.....	\$90 00
<i>Paori District</i> , Bible reader.....	20 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Seven girls	120 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , English girls' boarding school	350 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible reader	50 00
Keeping horses and conveyances	52 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Nine girls	205 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Twenty-four girls	500 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Land and building for school	500 00
<i>Kasgang</i> , Schools and Bible reader	50 00

Total for India..... \$1,937 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Miss Watson's salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Teachers	100 00
Two scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarship.....	40 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Dr. Hamisfar's salary..	600 00
Teacher	60 00
Contingent	150 00
Four scholarships.....	140 00

Total for Japan..... \$1,920 00

Corea.

<i>Corea</i>	\$250 00
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China.

<i>Peking</i> , Tartar City day school ...	\$100 00
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West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , Repairs and improvements	\$250 00
Five boarding pupils	125 00
Teacher of school.....	67 00
Two orphans	50 00
<i>Foochow</i> , Deaconess.....	36 00
<i>Hok Chiang District</i> , Day schools	200 00
One deaconess.....	24 00

Total for China..... \$852 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Rent of house.....	\$250 00
One orphan	80 00
Piano	280 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Salary of teacher.....	180 00
School books and supplies.....	50 00
Furniture for new school-house	75 00
Mrs. Butler's traveling and postage	30 00
Bible women and supplies.....	100 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Rebuilding in Puebla.....	250 00

Total for Mexico \$1,295 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Education of girls.....	\$66 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	200 00

Total for South America..... \$266 00

Italy.

Bible reader, Stasia.....	\$160 00
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Bulgaria.

Scholarship.....	\$40 00
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Grand total..... \$6,820 00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884-1885.

BRANCHES.	India.	China.	Japan.	Corea.	Mexico.	South America.	Italy.	Bulgaria.	Conti- gent.	Total.
New England Branch...	\$9,591 00	\$5,703 00	\$2,460 00	\$625 00	\$2,650 00	\$1,550 00	\$150 00	\$250 00	\$331 00	\$23,500 00
New York Branch...	10,478 00	6,042 00	4,248 00	878 00	4,400 00	900 00	640 00	330 00	1,000 00	29,876 00
Philadelphia Branch...	6,594 00	1,432 00	3,695 00	259 00	5,520 00	.....	500 00	.....	500 00	21,000 00
Baltimore Branch...	3,664 00	4,019 00	1,550 00	.....	1,020 00	.....	250 00	.....	397 00	11,500 00
Cincinnati Branch...	10,220 00	4,712 00	2,400 00	550 00	6,049 00	700 00	300 00	200 00	479 00	26,000 00
Northwestern Branch...	13,441 00	11,431 00	3,605 00	500 00	6,340 00	4,000 00	2,200 00	1,200 00	.....	42,100 00
Des Moines Branch...	3,777 00	2,544 00	1,100 00	250 00	2,804 00	831 00	150 00	160 00	791 00	12,000 00
Minneapolis Branch...	2,810 00	509 00	360 00	.....	250 00	300 00	.....	100 00	.....	4,419 00
Topeka Branch...	1,937 00	552 00	1,020 00	250 00	1,205 00	200 00	160 00	40 00	.....	6,850 00
Total	\$61,915 00	\$37,934 00	\$21,478 00	\$3,303 00	\$30,438 00	\$8,500 00	\$4,350 00	\$2,400 00	\$3,597 00	\$177,215 00

LIST OF REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO W. F. M. S.

INDIA.		
Bijnour.—School Building.	.....	\$3,000 00
Budaon.—School Building.	.....	3,000 00
Bareilly.—Home (43 acres).	.....	12,500 00
Hospital .....	.....	9,000 00
Orphanage .....	.....	3,000 00
Moradabad.—School Building.	.....	2,000 00
Home .....	.....	3,500 00
Lucknow.—School Building.	.....	3,000 00
Home .....	.....	7,360 00
Boarding Halls .....	.....	2,300 00
Home for Friendless .....	.....	4,500 00
Cawnpore.—School Building.	.....	8,000 00
Home .....	.....	4,000 00
Paori.—Orphanage .....	.....	1,500 00
Gonda.—School Building.	.....	300 00
Almorah.—Sanitarium .....	.....	4,000 00
Prithoragarh.—Home for Friendless Women .....	.....	1,500 00
Naini Tal.—School Building .....	.....	13,000 00
CHINA.		
Peking.—Hospital.	.....	5,500 00
Home and School .....	.....	7,976 00
JAPAN.		
Kit King.—School Building and Home (Dispensary \$600)	.....	7,000 00
Fuochow.—School Building .....	.....	4,000 00
Hospital .....	.....	6,000 00
Tientsin.—Hospital and Home .....	.....	12,000 00
WEST CHINA.		
Chung King.—Home and School .....	.....	4,000 00
MEXICO.		
Takio.—School Building .....	.....	10,000 00
Inkodati.—Home and School .....	.....	9,000 00
Nagasaki .....	.....	9,000 00
Tokohama.—Memorial Home .....	.....	3,500 00
SOUTH AMERICA.		
Pachuca.—Home .....	.....	5,500 00
BULGARIA.		
Rosario.—Home and School Building .....	.....	10,000 00
Loftcha.—Boarding School .....	.....	4,500 00
Total .....	.....	\$183,436 00

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female Missionaries to women in the foreign Mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SEC. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be—

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimate of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and method herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new Missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society.

3. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church:

Districts.	States.	Headquarters.
I.	New England States.....	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey.....	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware.....	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.....	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.....	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.....	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri.....	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory, and Oregon.....	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming.....	Denver.
X.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.....	New Orleans.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.....	Atlanta.
XII.	Pacific Coast.....	San Francisco.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible Women, and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new Missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own by-laws, regulating its meetings and those of its Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which

they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any other member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the Annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual general minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the standing committees, and planning work for its sessions, and report the same at the opening of said committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Report of Committee of Reference.
6. Report of Constitutional Committee on *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
7. Reports of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Memorials, petitions and estimates.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notices of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows:

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

X. A committee of two shall be appointed by the General Executive Committee to edit and publish a full report of the work of the Society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of said committee.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign Missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1. Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual memberships shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life memberships shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in instalments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all instalments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our foreign treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, that she may present them to the authorities of the General Missionary Society for their action, on or before the first of October.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are instructed to make their financial reports to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

3. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are requested to forward promptly receipts for moneys received to the Branch Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries.

4. The salary of our Missionaries shall be paid in foreign fields on the basis of American gold.

5. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that committee.

6. If any surplus funds remain in the foreign treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

IV—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building, and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with the other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements ; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society, for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretaries of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract : I, ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the traveling expenses of ——— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the

latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and if she expresses her intention to return to foreign missionary work, her salary for the first year at the rate of \$350. In case she declines to return, at the rate of \$300 per year.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her.

15. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India in their session of 1881, as follows:

OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older Mission fields in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules:

1. In general: The position of a lady Missionary placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular: The general plans of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by trustees of an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may most successfully be carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangements of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it in charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings and expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by a quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a lady Missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the 1st of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.

4. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

5. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have power to fill the vacancy.

6. The traveling expenses of the editor of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the editor of leaflets, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

7. This committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

8. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

SOME BOOKS SUITABLE FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN AUXILIARIES

Protestant Foreign Missions, Theodore Christleib, D. D., Ph. D., Congregational Publishing House, Boston.

Christ and other Masters, Archdeacon Hardwick.

Comparative History of Religions, by J. C. Moffatt.

Christianity and Islam, by Rev. R. N. Stephens.

The Mohammedan Missionary Problem, by Rev. H. Jessup.

Ten Great Religions of the World, Rev. J. Freeman Clark.

Lectures on Missions, Max Muller.

Missionary Life Among the Villages of India, by Rev. T. J. Scott, Walden & Stowe, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Go or Send. Dr. A. Haygood.

Our Oriental Missions, Bishop Thompson.

Round the World, Bishop Kingsley.

Our Next Door Neighbor. Mexico. Bishop Haven.

Problem of Religious Progress, Daniel Dorchester, D. D.

Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Rev. J. M. Reid, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

Medical Work of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Rochester.

Historical Sketches of Woman's Missionary Societies in England and America, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Boston.

A Woman's Talk About India, by Miss H. G. Brittan, American S. S. Union.

Women of the Orient, by Rev. Ross C. Houghton, Walden & Stowe.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, by Mrs. Mary Sparks Wheeler, Phillips & Hunt, New York.

My Missionary Apprenticeship, by Rev. J. M. Thoburn, D. D., Phillips & Hunt, New York.

Heerah, by Mrs. E. J. Humphrey, Long & Putnam, Boston, Mass.
 Land of the Veda, by Rev. William Butler, Phillips & Hunt, New York.
 The Orient and Its People, by Mrs. I. L. Hauser, I. L. Hauser & Co.,
 Milwaukee.

China, by Rev. J. T. Gracey.

India, by Rev. J. T. Gracey.

India Missionary Directory and Memorial Volume, Rev. B. H. Badley.

To the East by Way of the West, Bishop Marvin.

Self Giving, by W. F. Bainbridge. \$1.50.

"A Grain of Mustard Seed ;" or, the District Secretary's Letter. 10 cts.

Wayside Teachings (in India). 5 cts.

Woman's Work in the Zenanas of India, Mrs. Gracey, Rochester, N. Y.
 Single copy, 10 cts. ; \$1.00 per dozen.

PERIODICALS, ETC.

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MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

Gospel in All Lands, an invaluable undenominational missionary magazine. Each month devoted to a different country or mission field. Eugene Smith, Baltimore.

Advocate of Missions. M. E. Church South, Nashville, Tenn.

Baptist Missionary Magazine.

Woman's Work for Woman. 1334 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

Children's Work for Children.

Our Mission Field, Presbyterian Church.

The Foreign Missionary.

Missionary Tidings.

Spirit of Missions, Episcopal.

Missionary Review, Princeton, Dr. Nieder.

Missionary Link, W. U. M. S.

Missionary Helper, Free Baptist.

Friends' Mission Advocate, 50 cents per annum. Address, 56 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Life and Light, Congregational, Boston, Mass.

Missionary Herald, American Board.

Lutheran Missionary Journal.

Methodist Protestant Missionary.

Helping Hand Baptist.

Indian Witness, Calcutta, India.

Woman's Work in China, Shanghai, China.

MAP OF INDIA, CHINA, BURMAH AND JAPAN.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has issued an Outline Map, on cloth (size, 5 by 6 feet), of China, Japan and India, with adjacent regions.

The prominent stations occupied by this Society are marked in good, bold letters, so that they may be read across a large room. Many other points are in somewhat smaller letters. Besides this Outline Map, showing the large stations occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church in Asia, there is a smaller map (inlet) on the corner of the larger one, showing in fuller detail stations and sub-stations of the North India Conference. This map will be sent post-paid to any address for the sum of two dollars.

Certificates of Life Membership can be obtained from the Branches through which the money is paid. Address, Miss P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield street, Boston, Mass.

RULES AND PRONUNCIATION.

PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronunciation of Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds can not well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long as in far.

E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.

I is short as in sit, and long when accented, as i in machine.

O is always long, as in no.

U short as in full, and ú long as in rule.

Ai as i in mice.

Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowel is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quantity.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is

not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English, and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian Mission report of this year are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows:

Kamá on	Kamáw,an	Badá on	Badown
Naim Tal	Nynee Tall	Bilsí	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakraulí	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotá	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwál	Bissoulf	Bissoulee
Srínagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswán	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gunje
Bíjnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousí	Chundowseé	Kánpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Ráí Barelí	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Bárabankí	Bara-bunkee
Barelí	Barailly	Sítápúr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardù,í	Hur-doo-ee
Aunla	Onnla	Gonda	Goanda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj	Nawáb-gunje
Khera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Shá'jahánpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED
BY MRS. DR. BALDWIN.

a has the sound of a in far.	ó has the sound of aw.
á " " a in fat.	u " " oo in fool.
e " " a in play.	ë has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
é " " e in met.	ü has the sound of the French u in l'une.
i " " i in machine.	au " " ow in cow.
í " " i in pin.	ai " " i in kind.
o " " o in bone.	

Hok-chiang	Hoke-cheang	Sia Sek ong	See-ah Sake ong
Ku-cheng	Koo-cheng	Li Chá Mi	Lee Chá Me
Tiong-lók	Teong-lock	Kiu-Kiang	Kew-keang
Hü Pá Mi	Hü Paw Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye
Li Yu Mi	Lee Yoo Me		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of a place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-sä'-kee	Kiushiu	Qú-shoo
Tsukiji*	Skee-gee	Liu Kiu	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suroong'-gä	Yezo	Yes'-so
Shikoku	She-kó-ku	Dai	Dye
Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke.		Name of Nagasaki School.	

* "Ts" has German "z" sound.

PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla	Pwāblä	Rosario	Rō-sär-i ō
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Montā-vid-ā-ō
Miraflores	Mee-rah-flōr-es	Buenos Ayres	Bwā-nos ayres
Queretaro	Ker-é tar-a	Orizaba	O-rē-gā-vā
Real	Rā-äl	Pachuca	Pā-choo kă
Del Monte	Dēl mōn-tā	Silao	Sē-lā-ō
Ayapango	Ay a pán go	San Juan	Sān-hwán
Guanajuato	Gwan-a-hwáto		

Dr. Maclay and others spell Corea with a K, which is doubtless correct, but common usage makes it Corea. Seoul, the capital of the country, is pronounced as if it were spelled Say-ole.

FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following new form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society :

NEW FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be a sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church" [describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society], and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the corresponding secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the several branches constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is Chairman, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, Delaware, Ohio, is Secretary.

All communications to be brought before the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in the interim of the General Executive Committee must be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee. All estimates to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in November should be forwarded to her in advance, sanctioned by the proper authorities in the mission field.

SUGGESTIONS.

The great want of all Christian work is more consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ for service under His banner. Could the ninety-three thousand women enlisted in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society realize this, and be "baptized with this baptism," what a mighty impetus would be given to the work they have undertaken. For this earnest, united prayer should go up from every one called to be co-workers with Him in the great plan of the world's redemption. With prayer as the leading factor, increasing power to work successfully will surely follow.

A few hints on promoting interest in the Auxiliaries may not be out of place. Regular monthly meetings for the specific object of the Society should be held. Union with any other church interest will weaken both. To be effective, we must make our efforts direct.

Every Auxiliary should have an agent who will see that the *Heathen Woman's Friend* is taken by every member. This can be done by some labor and self-denial, but in no better way can a growing interest be kept up. In each household should be placed a mite-box to "gather up the fragments," and to be a silent monitor to self-denial and systematic giving. A Bureau of Exchange could be arranged in each district for the interchange of intelligence, plans of work, missionary letters, etc. Each Auxiliary should own a map, and also some books suitable for reference will be found very helpful. Dr. Gracey's "India" and "China," and Mrs. Gracey's "Medical Work" should be in every Auxiliary, if not in every home. Keep the young people interested. It is an easy task, and will richly repay effort. Personal effort on the part of each member would largely increase the list of members.

NOTES.

The *Samurai* class, so often spoken of in our reports from Japan, were in the dynasty which was overthrown in 1867, the military class, or gentry, who were permitted to wear two swords, and were recognized as the first of the four classes into which the whole population was divided. They are now mostly poor, but are recognized as the leading force in Japan. Their thinkers, military leaders and literary men, are principally from this class, and to win them to Christ will change the whole aspect of Missionary effort in Japan.

It is only sixty years since the Gospel was introduced into Madagascar. For the first forty years fierce persecution, in which thousands suffered martyrdom, kept back its progress. Now it is governed by a Christian Queen, and can show the following results :

At a recent conference on Christian life and work, held at Glasgow, the following most interesting statement was made with regard to the work of the

London Missionary Society in Madagascar. In the year 1883 there were in the island 1,200 churches, with about 80,000 communicants. All the churches are self-supporting, and in 1882 they gave £4,000 for Missions. Within the last fourteen years they have built 700 churches, which are all clear of debt. In 1862 there were twenty native pastors, there are now 600. There are twenty-nine European Missionaries in the island, but they are not engaged as pastors of native congregations. They act as superintendents, each having some forty congregations under him.—*Missionary Record*.

SECRET DISCIPLES.

Rev. J. H. Gill, in a recent number of the *Indian Witness*, tells of two men, advanced in years, acquaintances of the same caste, who met at his house as religious inquirers. "I noticed when No. 1 came in, he wondered to see No. 2. When the Bible lesson was over, each looked to see what the other would do. They both kneeled and bowed their heads reverently. After the prayer they greeted each other with expressions of joy. One man had secretly read the Bible and prayed in his family for years. A severe sickness brought the decision to confess God openly. The other man had also abandoned idolatry. Yet, though intimate acquaintances, they were ignorant of the secret life of each other. The influence at work in the minds of these men has lasted for years. It was not seen by casual observers, but now it has ripened into fruit which is seen. Numbers of respectable people in India have heard and believed, and will make known their belief, as these have done, openly. Not only two, but hundreds and thousands will meet one another and unite in acknowledging Jesus Christ as the only and true Savior, and as their personal Redeemer. And a nation will be born in a day.

"ACCORDING TO THEIR FAITH."

In November, 1881, a few members of the China Inland Mission came together and agreed to pray that *seventy* new Missionaries might be sent them before the close of 1884. These prayers have been fully answered, and the last party has left England, making *over* seventy additional workers for this Mission.—*Heathen Woman's Friend*.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Society of Friends, with its standard bearer, the *Friends Missionary Advocate*, is warmly welcomed into the fellowship of co-laborers in the world-embracing work of sending the Gospel to heathen lands. Some of their work is done through our Society, and while rejoicing in the oneness of the work that makes such union possible, we shall rejoice with them in the time soon coming, when, as a denomination under the banner of King Immanuel, they shall push their conquests to the uttermost parts of the earth.

OUR sisters of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have appropriated for the current year \$54,240—\$15,367 more than the receipts for the previous year (\$38,873). Six new Missionaries will join the ten already in the various mission fields. The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* has 10,000 subscribers, and 88,000 leaflets have been issued. The Society is laying a broad foundation and planning wisely for the future.—*Heathen Woman's Friend*.

THE *Missionary Outlook* says that three fourths of the Bibles shipped from New York to foreign mission stations go to Mexico and South America. "After the Bible has been so long prohibited in these nominally Christian lands, this is a great triumph."

A STRIKING CONTRAST.

The weakest thing about modern disbelief is, that while it talks loftily, it is positively helpless in the midst of sorrow and suffering. Mr. Conway has recently confessed his feeling of despair for India, and this despair is characteristic of all men of his class. The world is full of suffering, broken hearts are everywhere, and we have no patience with the man, or the creed, or the party which cannot tell how to heal a broken heart, or how to grapple with the tremendous forces of evil at work in the world. Modern disbelief is helpless here. It can do nothing, absolutely nothing. It knows of no healing balm, it has no Gilead in its geography, and no physician enrolled among its worthies. Mr. Conway can talk about slavery and freedom, about the bondage and the freedom of the soul, and other lofty subjects; but the practical art of making a dark home bright, a sad heart happy, a sinful life pure, a despairing soul hopeful, is wholly unknown to him. He passed through India, and left not one trace behind him, save a few mournful touches of his pen, dark as the ink in which its point was dipped. A few years before his visit an uneducated African woman, a converted washerwoman, visited India, and traveled all over the Empire. She was a servant of Jesus Christ, and went everywhere in His name. The man of genius and literary fame came and went again, and no living soul is better for his coming or going. The washerwoman has left a tracery of light in every place which she visited. Men and women are better, and homes and hearts brighter, because of her coming. Faith, Hope and Love were her guiding stars, and her brief sojourn in India was a benediction to scores and hundreds. Moncure D. Conway lives to show how useless a gifted man may be in the midst of the world's crying need; Amanda Smith lives to illustrate the power of Christian faith to make the humble little ones of the Kingdom put to shame the mighty. Faith transcends genius, and makes "a little one become a thousand."—*Indian Witness*.

"LET the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it."